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アメリカの、いやアメリカ経済の繁栄のシンボルである世界貿易センタービルが消えた。
過去、二度の世界大戦、そしてベトナム戦争、湾岸戦争と常に海外で戦い、唯一の超大国となったアメリカの本土が初めて戦場と化した。
アメリカのショックは、巨大ビルの崩壊だけに留まらないだろう……。
犠牲者に心より哀悼を捧げたい。
だが、この経験を無にするならば、自国を戦場とする戦争の真の姿を、アメリカはその心に刻むべきではないだろうか。

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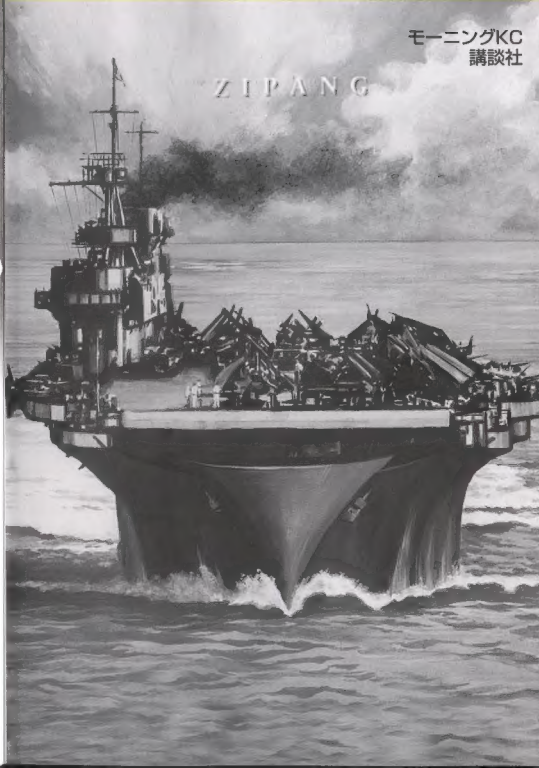

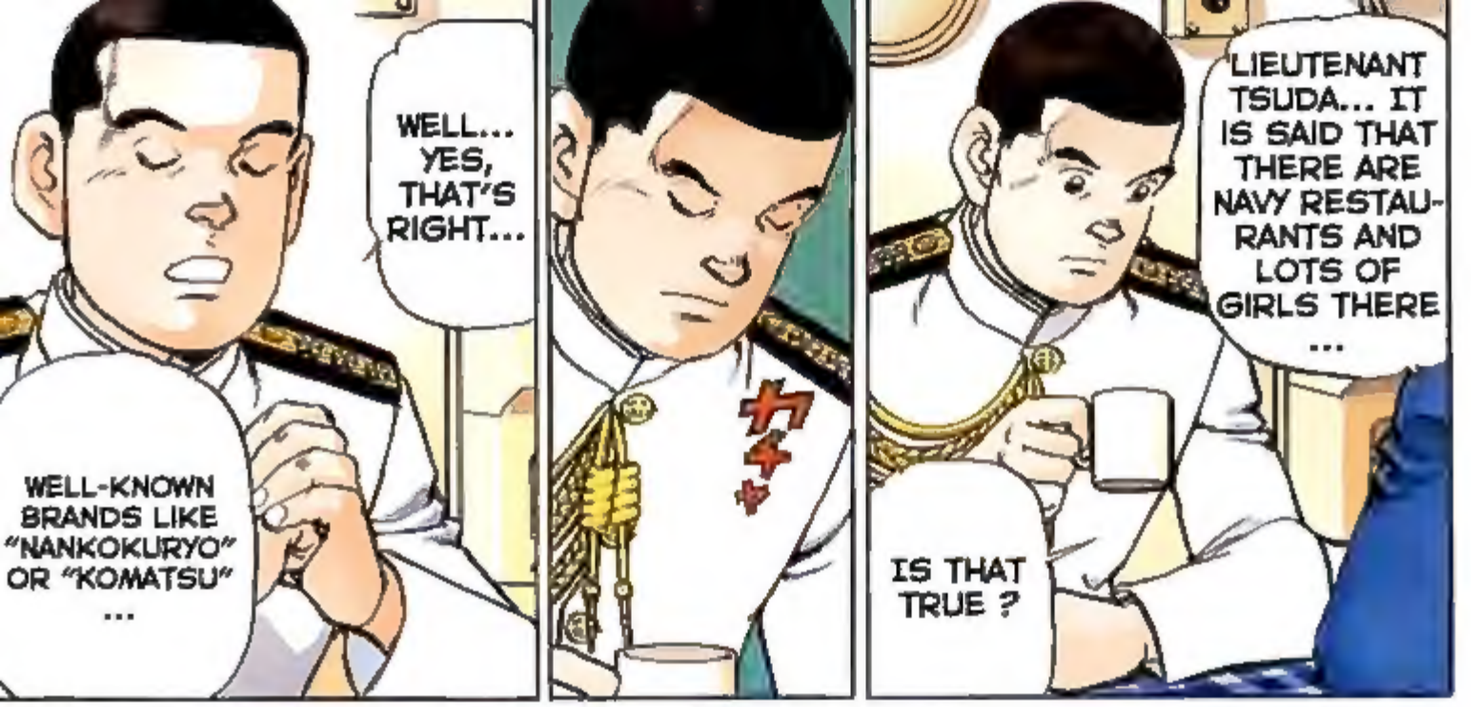
WELL-KNOWN BRANDS LIKE "NANKOKURYO" OR "KOMATSU" ...
WELL... YES, THAT'S RIGHT...
カチャ
IS THAT TRUE ?
LIEUTENANT TSUDA... IT IS SAID THAT THERE ARE NAVY RESTAURANTS AND LOTS OF GIRLS THERE ...

... IT'S SAID ONE CAN FIND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS.
PERSONALLY, I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE BUT...

航跡43「みらい」トラック諸島へ
Wake 43 - "Mirai", towards the island chain of Truk

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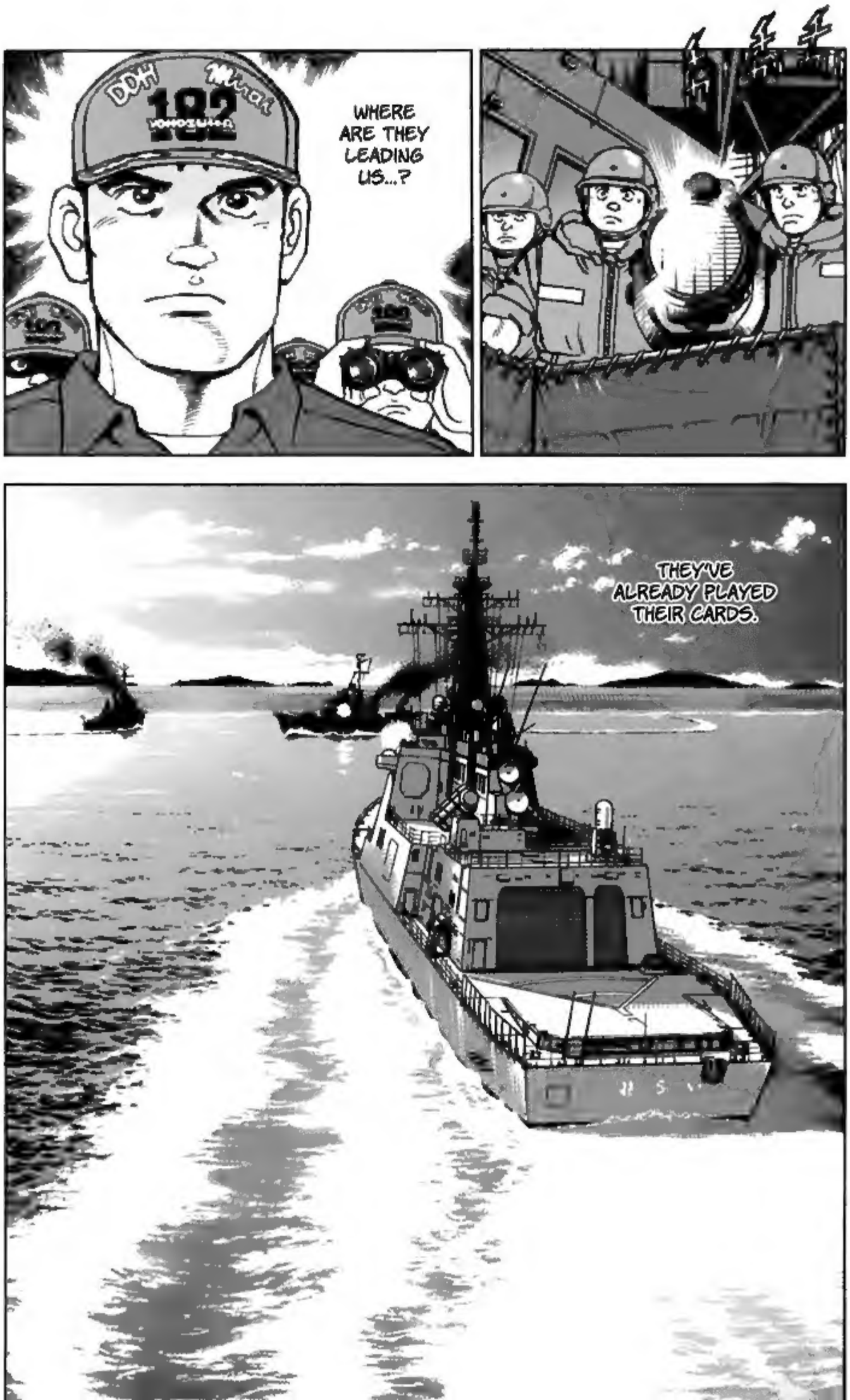
ENTER THE HARBOR OF TRUK THROUGH THE NORTH STRAIT AT 10 PM EXACTLY... FOLLOW THE ESCORT SHIP. YAMAMOTO ...

IT'S CLEAR THAT IF WE ARRIVED IN DAYLIGHT ...
... IT'D BE LIKE KICKING IN AN ANTHILL...

IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S ASKING US TO USE THE OBSCURITY ...

ISN'T THE YAMAMOTO'S AMBITION TO REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF THE MIRAI TO THE NAVY STAFF, AND GET A HOLD OF IT?

YES ...
LET US BE GUIDED GENTLY.
AFTER ALL, WE'RE "GUESTS".
DISTANCE : 1,000 !!
TWO SHIPS AT 50° TO PORT !!
"FOLLOW US. BIS. FOLLOW US."
WE'RE RECEIV-ING LIGHT SIGNALS !!!
IT SEEMS THESE ARE ESCORT SHIPS !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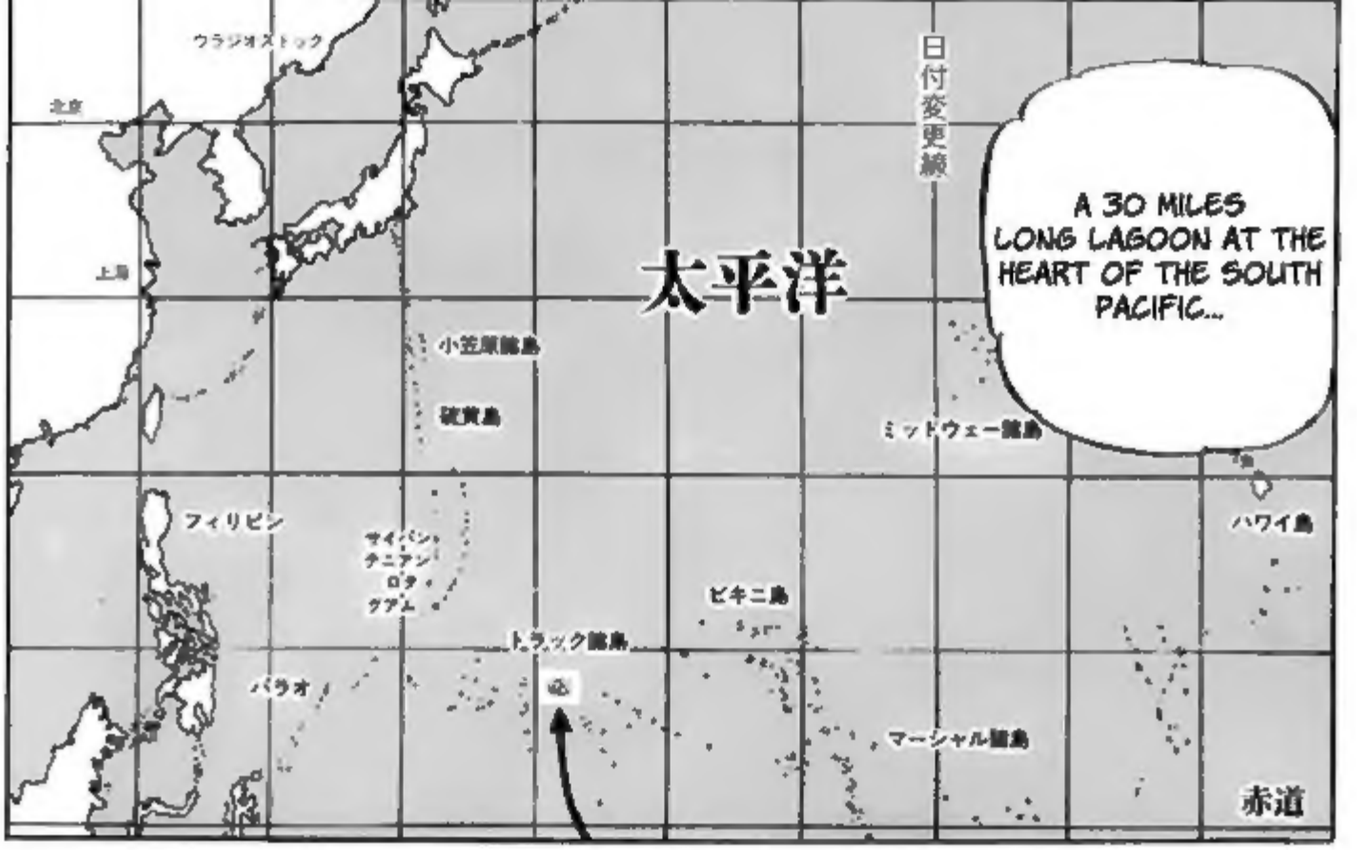
WHERE ARE THEY LEADING US...?
THEY'VE ALREADY PLAYED THEIR CARDS.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ロタ
グアム
ハワイ島
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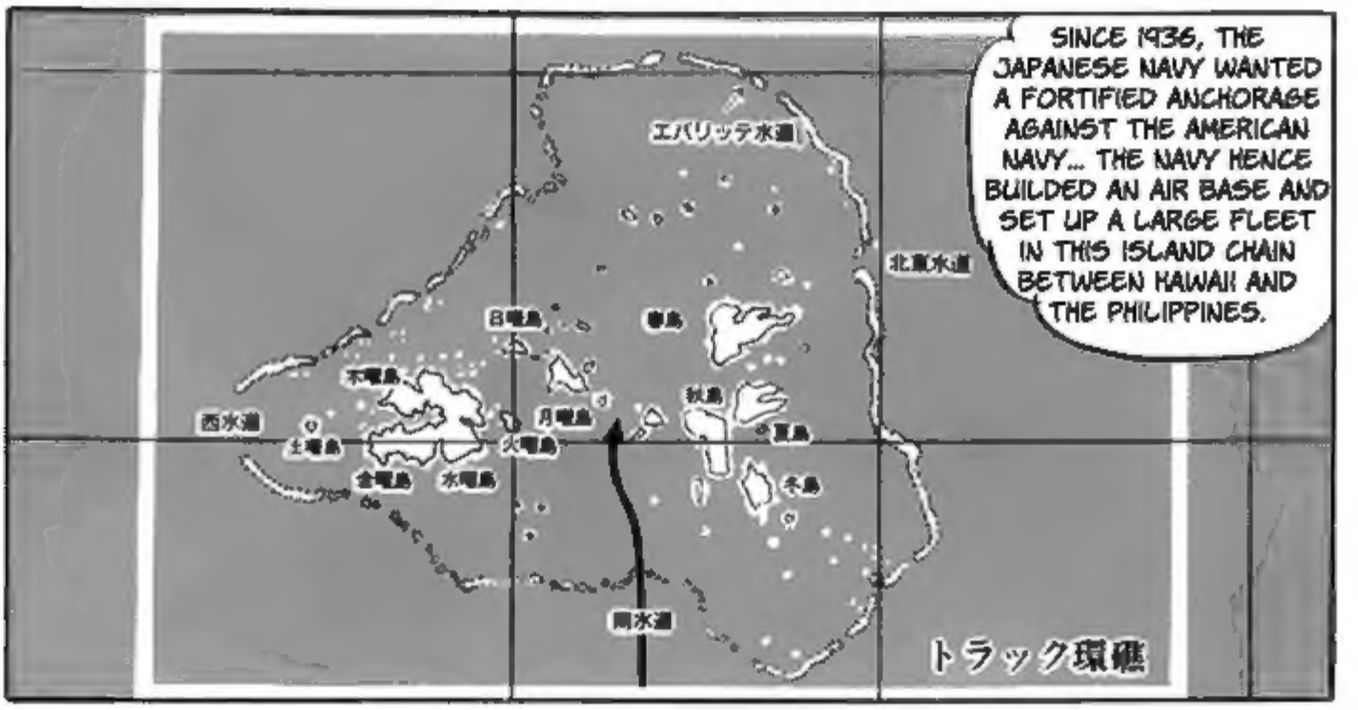
赤道
A 30 MILES LONG LAGOON AT THE HEART OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC...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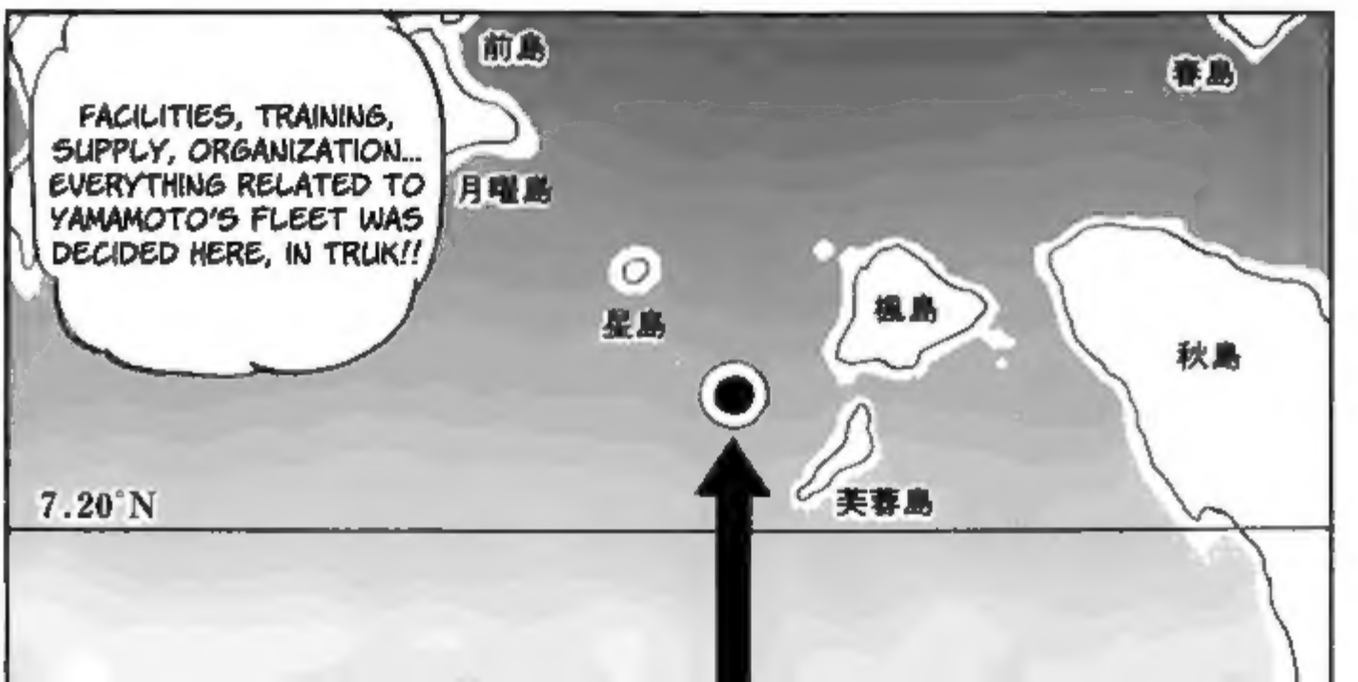
夏島
土曜島
火曜島
金曜島
水曜島
冬島
南水道
トラック環礁
SINCE 1936, THE JAPANESE NAVY WANTED A FORTIFIED ANCHORAGE AGAINST THE AMERICAN NAVY... THE NAVY HENCE BUILDED AN AIR BASE AND SET UP A LARGE FLEET IN THIS ISLAND CHAIN BETWEEN HAWAII AND THE PHILIPPINES.


前島
春島
月曜島
FACILITIES, TRAINING, SUPPLY, ORGANIZATION... EVERYTHING RELATED TO YAMAMOTO'S FLEET WAS DECIDED HERE, IN TRUK!!
聖島
徳島
秋島
芙蓉島
7.20°N

THIS ISLAND CHAIN IS SURROUNDED BY A GIGANTIC CORAL REEF...
THE MOST REASONABLE DECISION IS TO REGULATE OUR INFORMATION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
IT'S STRANGE ...THERE ARE ABOUT 50,000 JAPANESE PEOPLE, CIVIL AND SOLDIERS, LIVING ON THESE SOUTH-PACIFIC ISLANDS...
OVER THERE, IS KAEDE-JIMA AND ON THE OTHER SIDE, IS AKISHIMA, RIGHT?
THOSE ARE THE MAIN ISLANDS OF TAKESHIMA AND NATSUSHIMA... THEY'RE HIDDEN, WE CAN'T SEE THEM...

IN OUR TIME, IT'D SEEM UNREAL.
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YES !!!
PUT ME ON THE INTERNAL LINE.

CAPTAIN! A MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO, OF THE YAMATO.
ANYTHING NEW?

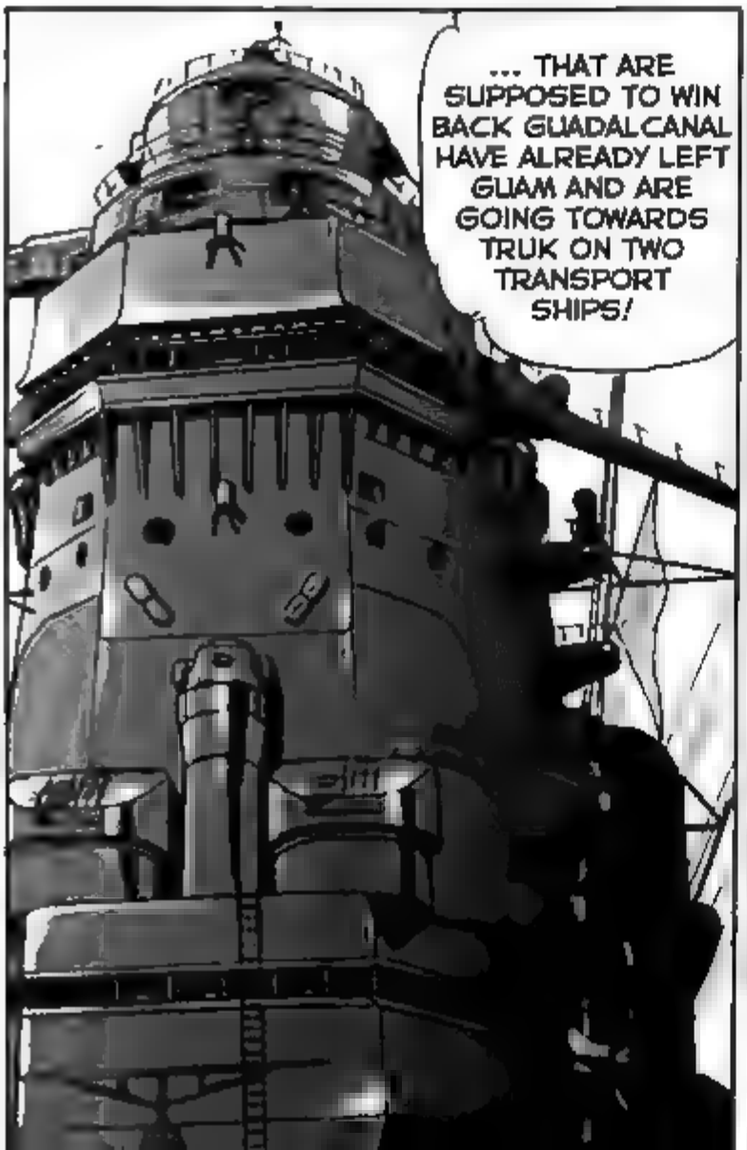
WE RECEIVED AT 0100 A MESSAGE FROM ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO ...
THIS IS THE CAPTAIN UMEZU SPEAKING, MESSAGE TO ALL CREW MEMBERS.

A REQUEST FOR EVERYBODY TO GO ON LEAVE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.
TOMORROW OR THE DAY AFTER, AT 1600...
...PEOPLE ON THE MIRAI WILL BE AUTHO-RISED TO DOCK ON THE ISLAND OF NATSUCHIMA

... POSITIVELY !
I DECIDED TO ANSWER...

YES !!!
WE'RE GOING ON LAND!!
IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE WE LAST SET FOOT ON THE GROUND!
NOT ONLY THAT !
DRINKS !!!
AND WOMEN!!

DON'T FORGET YOU'RE SOLDIERS.
WE AREN'T GOING TO A VACATION ISLAND...! IT'S A MILITARY PORT!
IN ADDITION, THE INVITATION COMES FROM SOMEONE THAT HAD ALREADY POINTED HIS CANONS TOWARDS US.
KEEP THAT THOUGHT SOMEWHERE IN YOUR HEAD!
AN OTHER THING : IN GUADALCANAL, IN THE JUNGLE, THERE ARE MORE THAN A THOUSAND MEN SUFFERING FROM STARVING AND FEAR...
YES, COMMANDER !!


... THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO WIN BACK GUADALCANAL HAVE ALREADY LEFT GUAM AND ARE GOING TOWARDS TRUK ON TWO TRANSPORT SHIPS!

TWO THOUSANDS MEN FROM THE ELITE DETACHMENT OF THE ICHIKI ARMY...

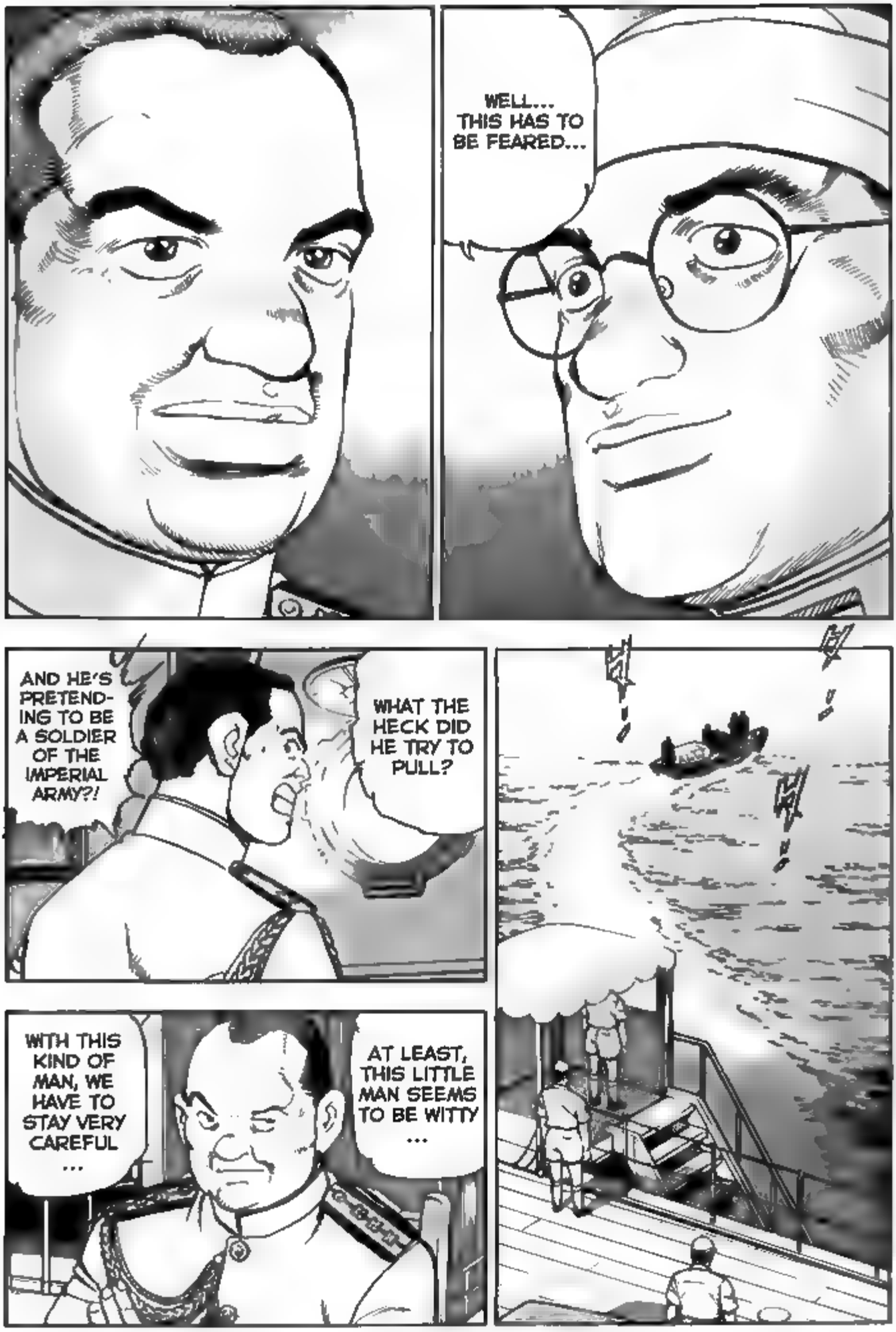
THEY EMBARKED EAGERLY ON THESE SHIPS TO GUADAL-CANAL.
THESE MEN WERE ALREADY SUPPOSED TO BE SENT TO MIDWAY, BUT THEIR MISSION WAS ABORTED DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE ATTACK. HENCE THEY WERE ON HOLD AT GUAM.
UNDER THE COMMAND OF COLONEL ICHIKI, THEY'RE READY AND HOPE TO LAND IN GUADALCANAL TO FACE THE ENEMIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
ACCORDINGLY, WE'RE ASKING THE NAVY TO CONVOY THOSE TROOPS WITH SOME DESTROYERS!
WINNING BACK THIS ISLAND IS AN EMERGENCY MISSION UNDER THE RESPONSIBI-LITY OF THE ARMY AND THE NAVY!

IF THE TROOPS OF ICHIKI CAN LAND, THE AMERICAN ARMY WON'T LAST LONG!!
YOU'LL WITNESS ITS ANNIHILATION!
COLONEL TSUJI... ACCORDING TO OUR INTEL...
IT'S ALMOST A COMPLETE DIVISION WITH 11,000 MEN, PERFECTLY ARMED, EVEN HAVING THE SUPPORT OF TANKS.
... THE AMERICAN FORCES THAT LANDED AT GUADALCANAL AREN'T RECONNAISSANCE FORCES.
IN MODERN COMBAT, ONE HAS TO STOP THINKING THAT MENTAL STRENGTH IS ENOUGH TO WIN!
IF THERE'S AN ANNIHILATION, IT WON'T BE THE WAY WE HOPE IT.

HOW MANY MEN FROM THE ARMY DO YOU NEED...?!
WHAT ABOUT PEARL HARBOR? WAS IT A DECOY? WAS IT A MIRACLE?
COURAGEOUS GENERALS LIKE YOU...
I'VE FELT THAT MANY TIMES.
IF THAT WAS POSSIBLE, I WOULD HAVE JOINED THE NAVY STAFF AND I WOULD HAVE DIED UNDER YOUR COM-MAND...
ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT...
THIS STRONG DESIRE OF A SOLDIER FROM THE IMPERIAL ARMY...

...THAT DROVE YOU IN YOUR FIRST BATTLE?!
...HAVEN'T YOU LOST FAITH IN THE VICTORY...
...HAS BEEN DECIDED IN THE STAFF OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY.
TAKING BACK GUADALCANAL ...

...CAN BE INTERPRETED AS A VIOLATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME COMMAND!!
HAVING ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ON THE QUESTION ...


WELL... THIS HAS TO BE FEARED...
AND HE'S PRETENDING TO BE A SOLDIER OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY?!
WHAT THE HECK DID HE TRY TO PULL?
WITH THIS KIND OF MAN, WE HAVE TO STAY VERY CAREFUL ...
AT LEAST, THIS LITTLE MAN SEEMS TO BE WITTY ...

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS FLEET?!
I WASN'T EXPECTING HIM TO TALK ABOUT THE "STAFF OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY" OR THE "AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME COMMAND"...
THEN WE'LL BE FORCED TO CONVOY THE TROOPS FROM ICHIKI ...
KNOWING PERFECTLY WELL THAT THEY'LL GET COMPLETELY CRUSHED ...
IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY MORE CASUALTIES...
... WE NEED THIS SHIP...

I WANT ALL THE INTELLIGENCE TO BE STUDIED AGAIN AND A NEW STRATEGY TO CONVINCE THEM TO BE PREPARED!!
IF WE TRY TO USE FORCE ON THEM, WE'LL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES AS WELL...
YES, SIR!!
ALL THE SAME... THE YAMATO IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL

WHO COULD THAT BE?
IN PERSON?
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TOMORROW EVENING, AT 1600, THE ADMIRAL WILL PERSONALLY COME TO WELCOME THE GUESTS.
I DON'T KNOW, BUT ALL THE PLANS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY TO THIS DINNER.
AH...
SO THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT GUEST...

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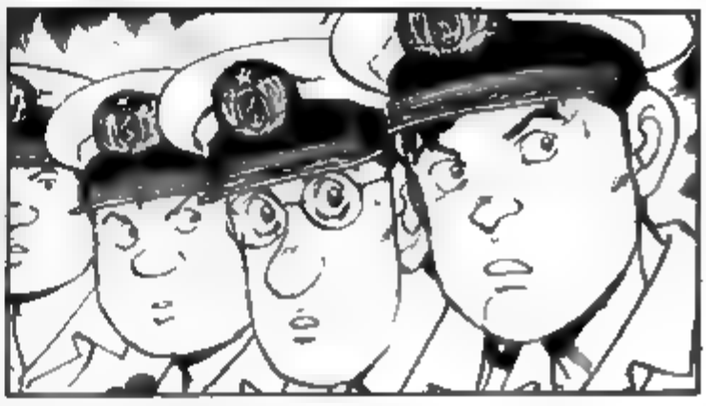
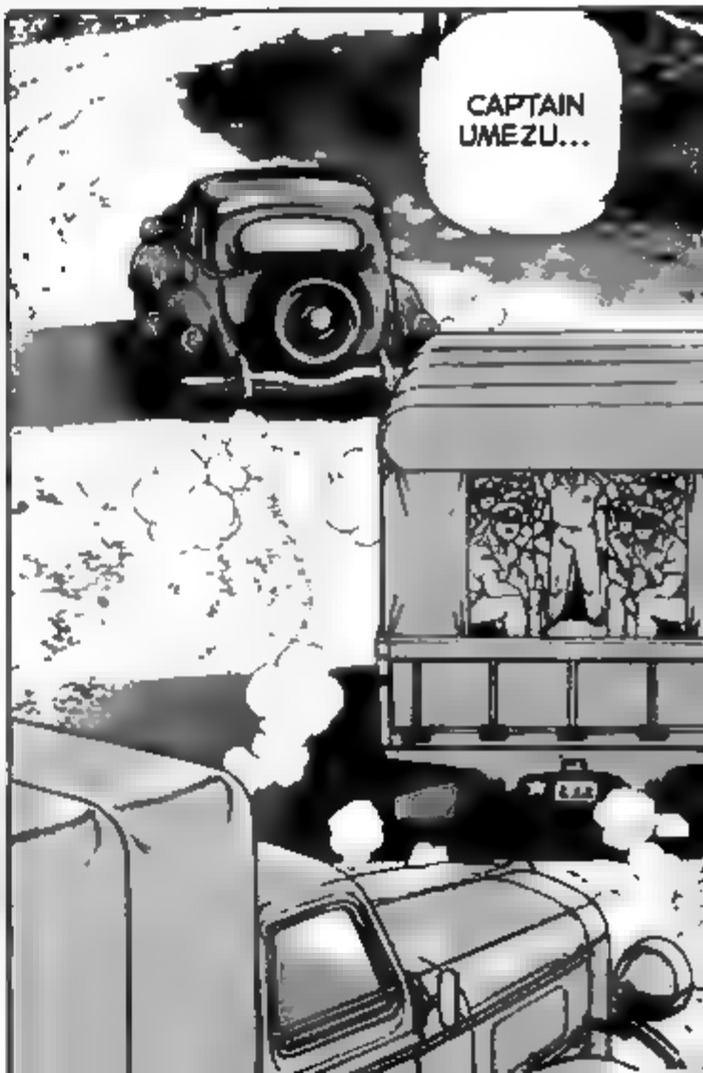
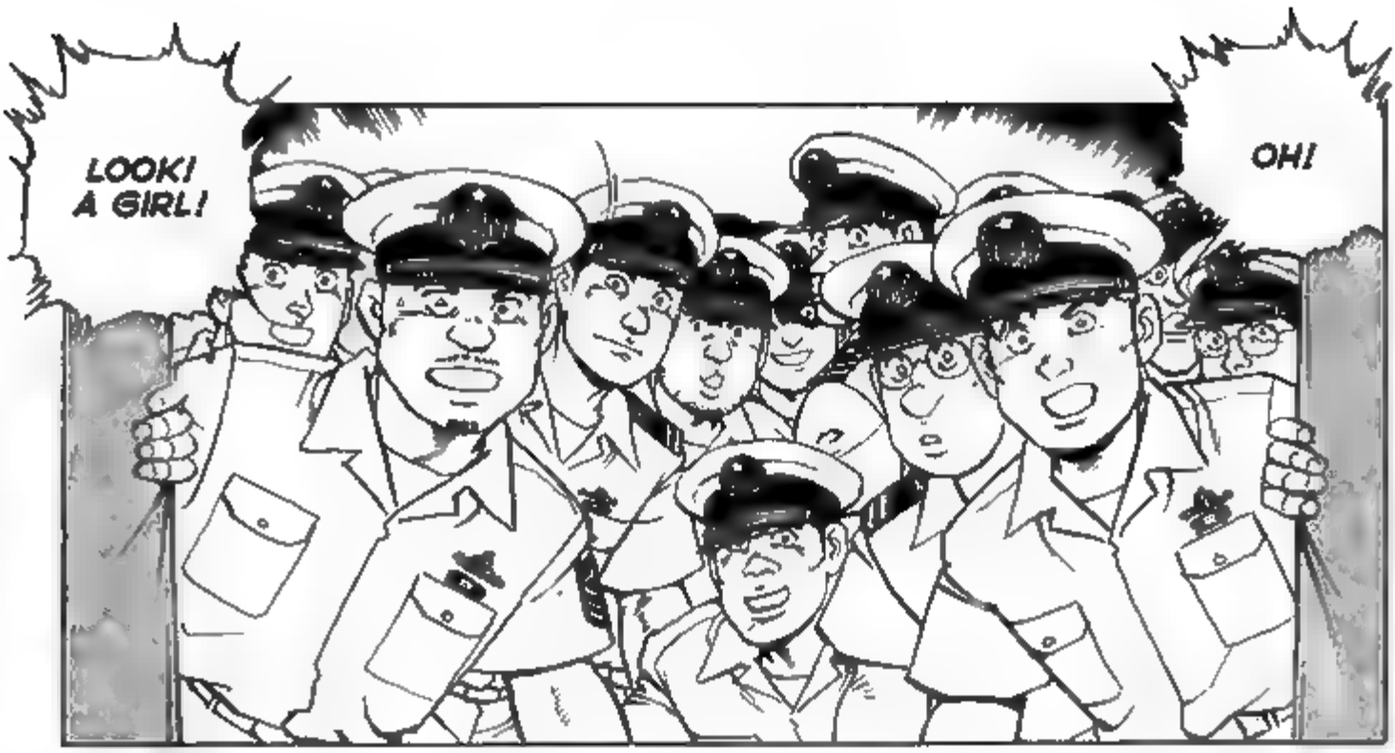
Wake 44
Landing of the crew



WE'VE WARNED THE CREW THEY HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH THE POPULATION, BUT...
... I'M STILL WORRIED.

WE SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARSH...
IT'S THEIR FIRST LANDING IN 2 MONTHS.


CAPTAIN UMEZU...

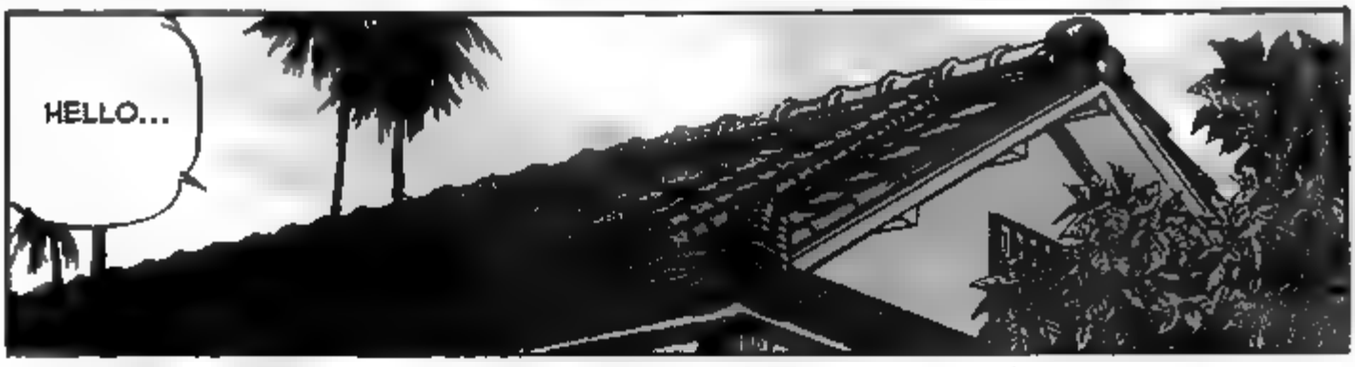

LOOK! A GIRL!
OH!

AH!

A JAPA-NESE ONE?

CALM DOWN! CHEF SUGI-MOTO !!!

WE WEL-COME YOU.


HELLO...

RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE

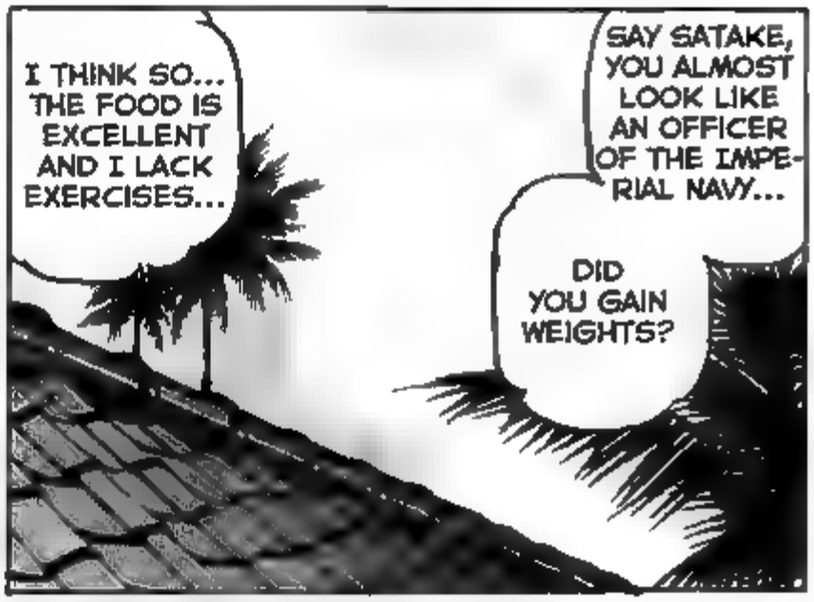
AH ...

A THOUGHTFUL DECISION FROM ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO.
LIEUTENANT SATAKE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

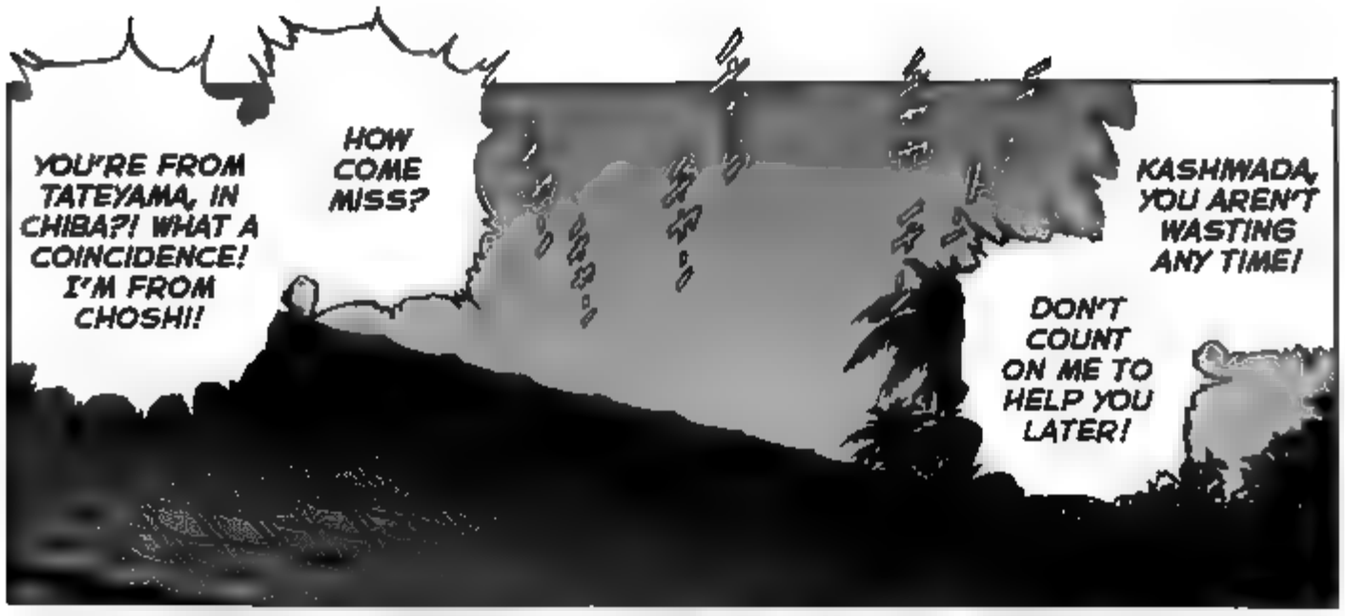
I'M RESTING AT THE "YAMATO HOTEL"! HA! HA!

AND THE UMITORI ?!
IT'S PRECIOUSLY KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE BENEATH THE WAREHOUSE OF THE YAMATO.

SEE? I'VE GOT ISSUES WEARING MY HELMET.
THAT'S TERRIBLE! HA! HA! HA!


I THINK SO... THE FOOD IS EXCELLENT AND I LACK EXERCISES...
SAY SATAKE, YOU ALMOST LOOK LIKE AN OFFICER OF THE IMPERIAL NAVY...
DID YOU GAIN WEIGHTS?

Nihongami is the name of the traditional hairstyle wear by geishas


YOU'RE FROM TATEYAMA, IN CHIBA?! WHAT A COINCIDENCE! I'M FROM CHOSHI!
HOW COME MISS?
KASHIMADA, YOU AREN'T WASTING ANY TIME!
DON'T COUNT ON ME TO HELP YOU LATER!

EH! OH! DON'T EXAG-GERATE!!
I ENLISTED IN THE NAVY BECAUSE I LIKED SHIPS...

SUGIMOTO ... HOW OLD COULD THIS GIRL BE?
SHE'S YOUNG. 20 MAYBE...

JUST LIKE MY GRAND-MOTHER!!
...THEN SHE SHOULD BE BORN IN THE TWEN-TIES!!
WAIT... WE'RE IN 1942...
SUPPOSE SHE IS 20 YEARS OLD...

I SUPPOSE THEY MUST BE PARTYING...
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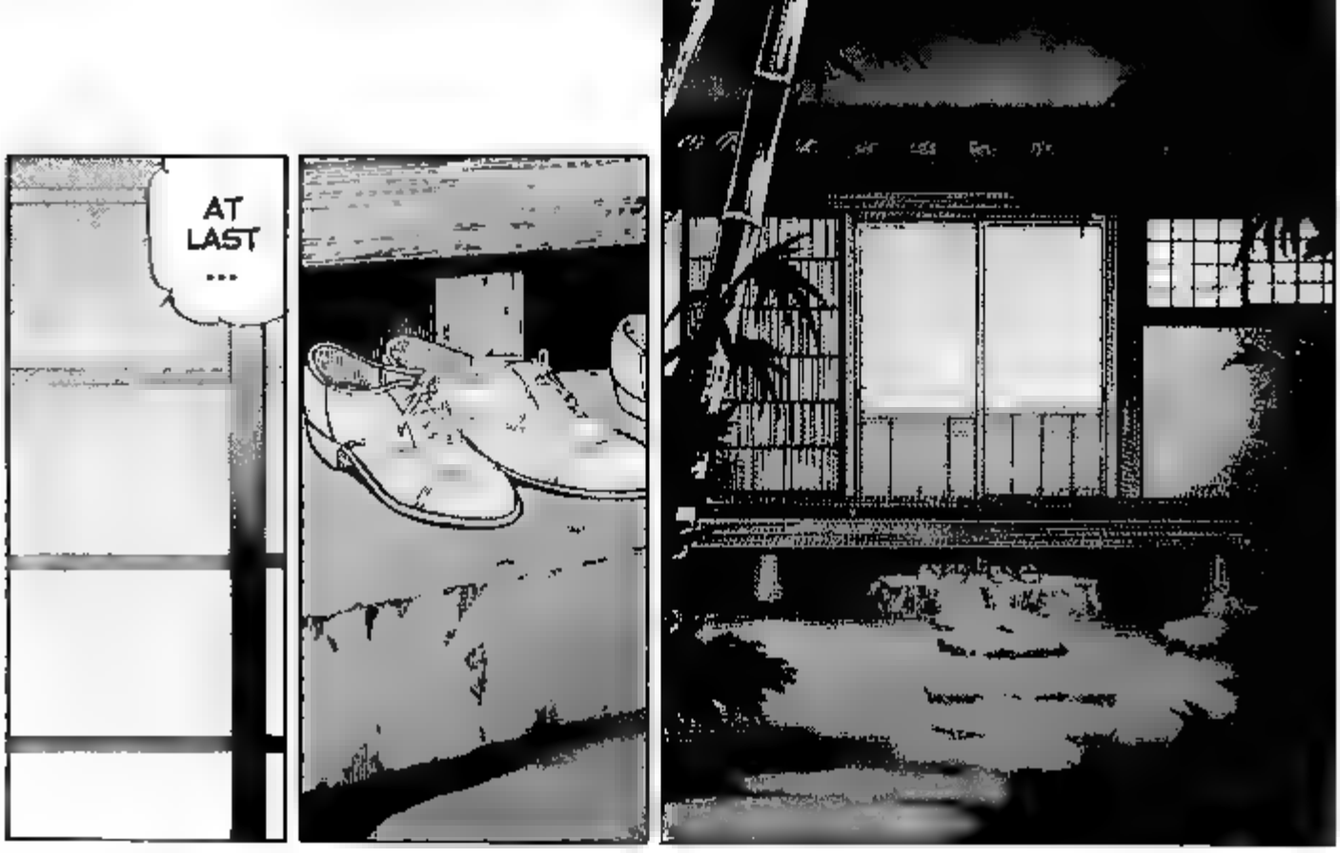
AH... THANK YOU LIEUTENANT MOMOI.
YOUR COFFEE. A "REAL" ONE ON TOP OF THAT.
TAKE IT...

ANYWAY, IT'S GOOD FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER YANAGI, HE'S BEEN HOSPITALIZED.
YES...
ENTERTAINING THEMSELVES ISN'T A BAD THING, BUT I FEAR THIS LITTLE NIGHT WILL MAKE THEM HOMESICK.
.....
YOU'RE WONDERING HOW YOU'LL GIVE HIM HELL TOMORROW, WHEN YOU LAND. RIGHT?
HUH?
COMMANDER ...
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT COMMANDER KUSAKA, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU SEEM TO ENJOY IT.

...TO WEEP.
WELL, WELL! MISTERS, YOU SHOULDN'T LAND...

GUU ...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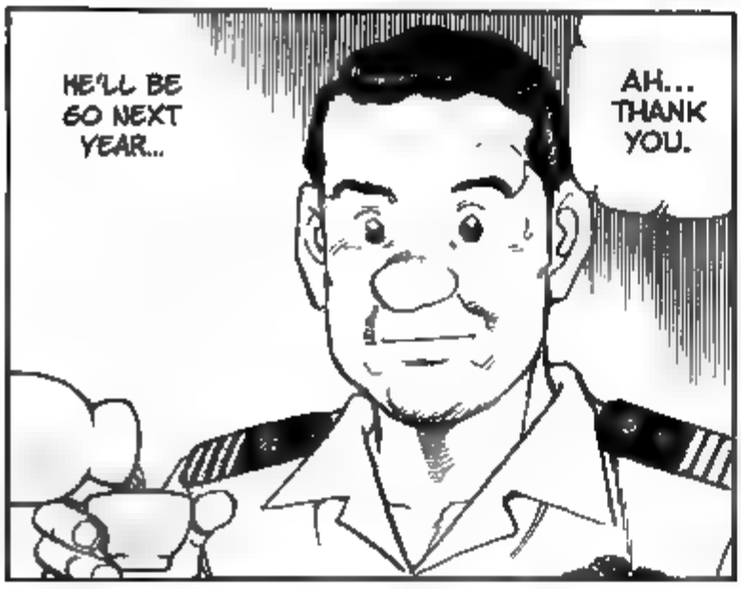
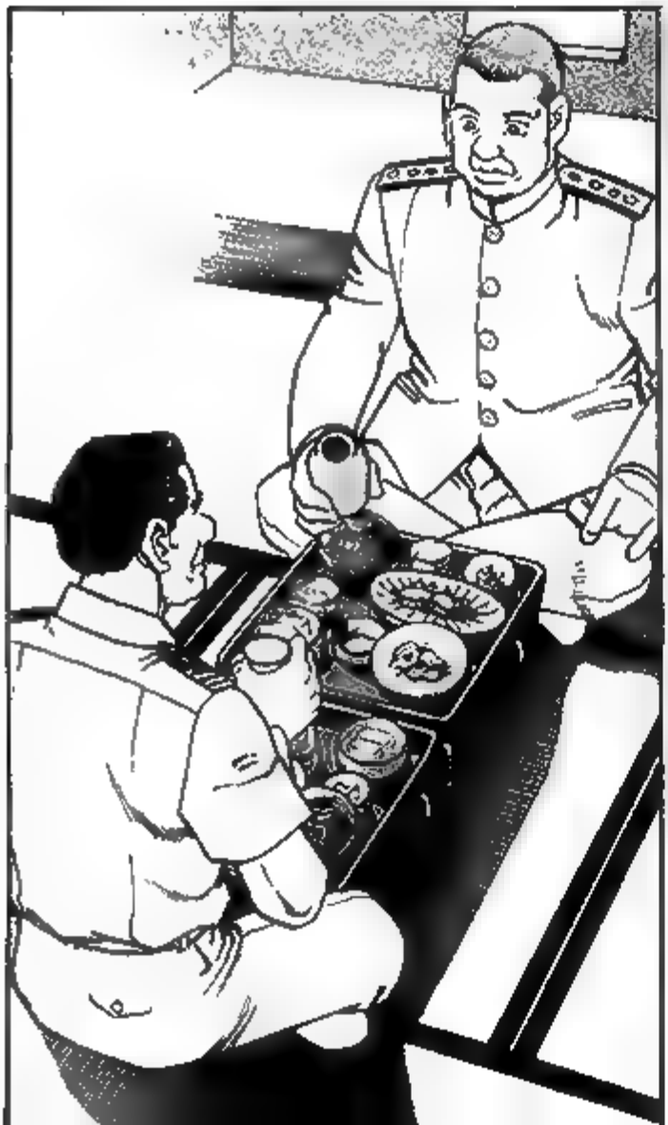

HE'LL BE 60 NEXT YEAR...
AH... THANK YOU.

PLEASE.

... STILL HE LOOKS SO YOUNG...

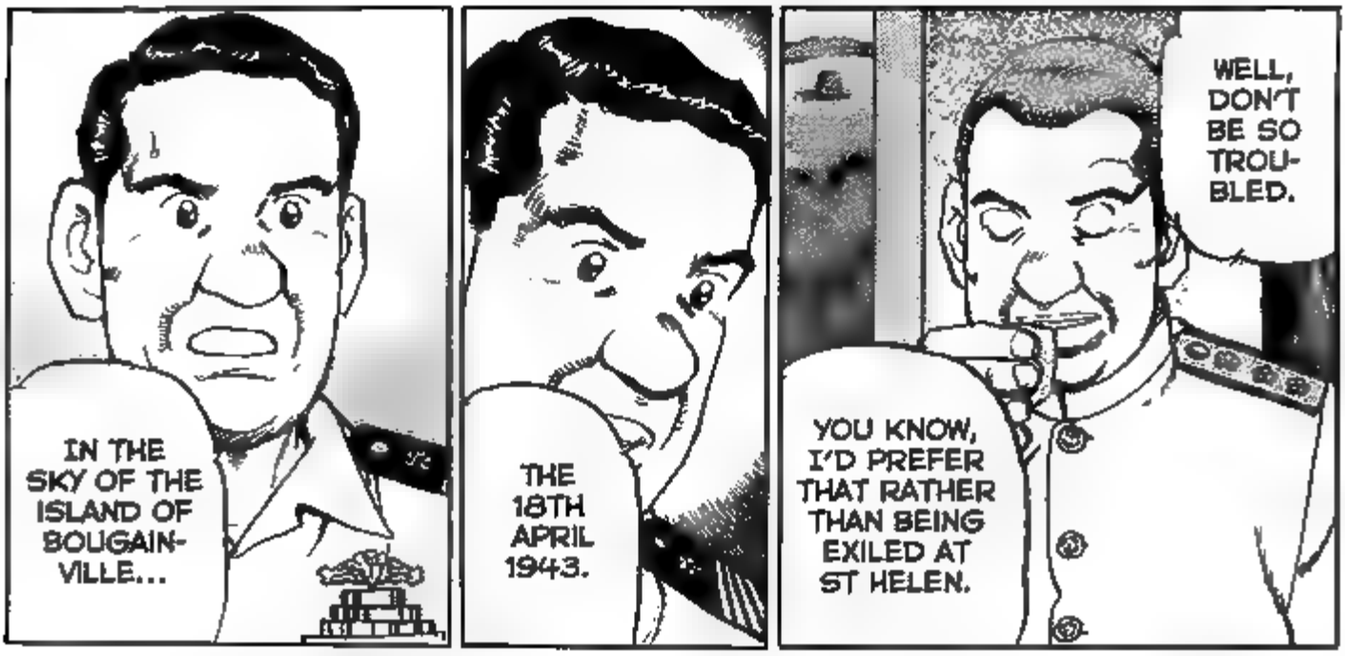
.....
IT HAS SUDDENLY GOTTEN CALM...



FROM HERE, JAPAN IS 4 DAYS BY PLANE, OR 10 DAYS BY SHIP.
BUT...

... FOR US IT CERTAINLY IS REALLY FAR AWAY.

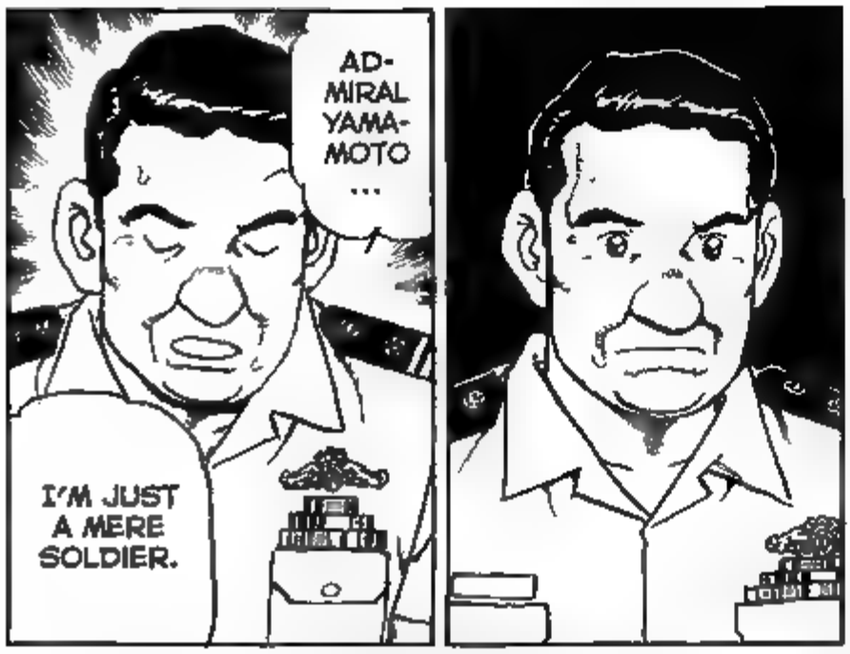
TODAY, I MEET YOU AND IT SEEMS YOU'RE AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE...
WHEN KUSAKA TOLD ME ABOUT IT, I COULDN'T BELIEVE HIM ...
JAPAN FROM 60 YEARS IN THE FUTURE ...
WHEN WILL I DIE ?
YES, I'M LISTEN-ING.
TELL ME UMEZU, FIRST I HAVE A QUESTION.
I...


IN THE SKY OF THE ISLAND OF BOUGAIN-VILLE...
THE 18TH APRIL 1943.
YOU KNOW, I'D PREFER THAT RATHER THAN BEING EXILED AT ST HELEN.
WELL, DON'T BE SO TROU-BLED.

AH...

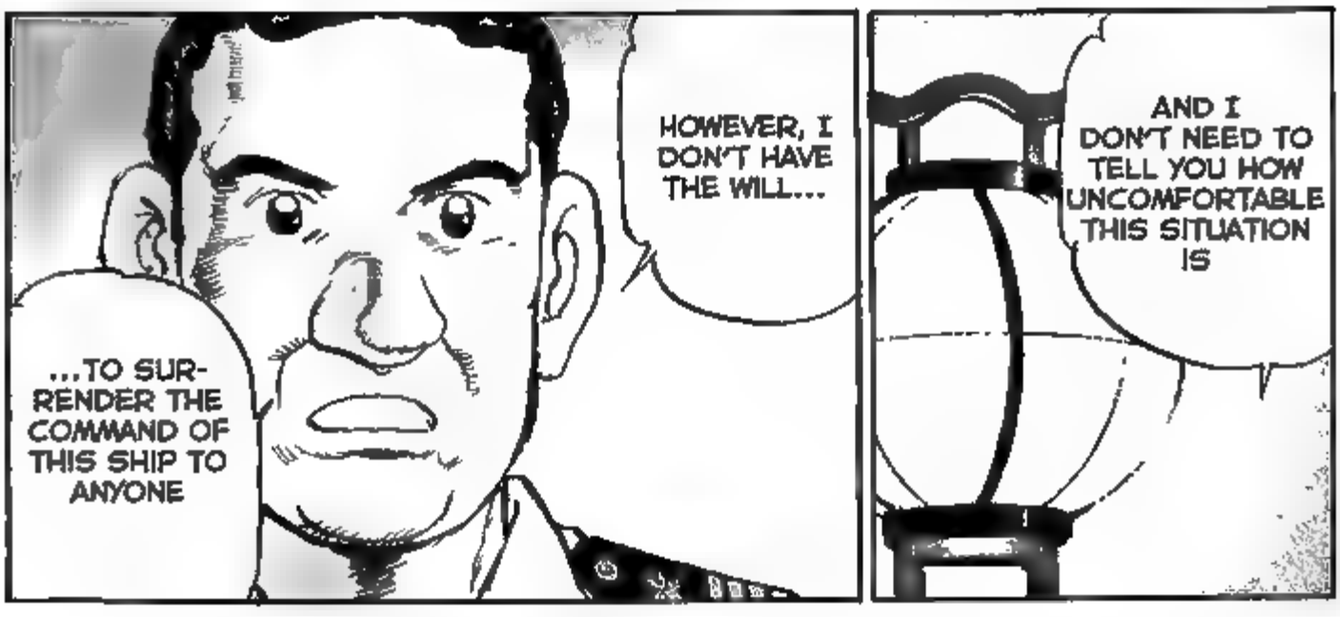
THAT MEANS I'M AT THE FRONT AND ABOARD A FLYING AIRCRAFT, RIGHT?
VERY GOOD ...

WELL YES, BUT FOR NOW, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN TRUE.
THIS IS JUST MY HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE ...
SO, I ONLY HAVE 8 MONTHS LEFT.
AND ME...
... I CAN'T DO A THING TO STOP THEM.
... LEFT THE ISLAND OF GUAM AND ARE GOING TOWARDS US!
ICHIKI'S TROOPS FROM THE ARMY, THAT WILL BE SEND TO GUADALCANAL
...REDUCING THE FRONT IN CHINA AND IN THE EAST-PACIFIC IS PRESSING... AT LAST...
WE NEED TO HURRY UP, IN ORDER TO AVOID A WAR OF ATTRITION THAT COULD BE FATAL FOR JAPAN...


AD-
MIRAL
YAMA-
MOTO
...
I'M JUST
A MERE
SOLDIER.

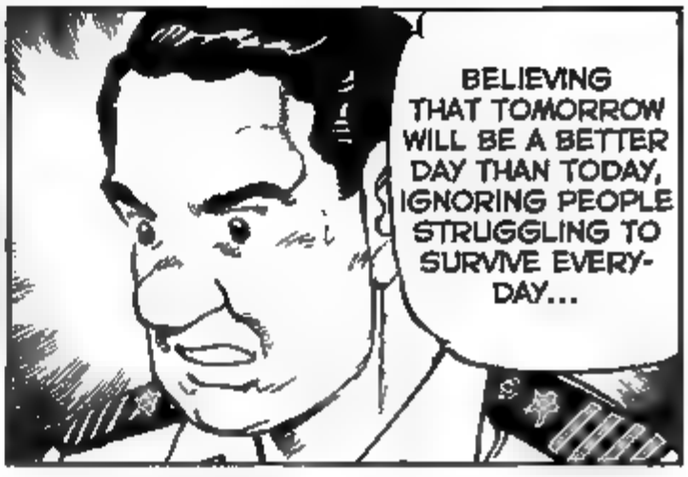
TO ACHIEVE
QUICK
PEACE, WE
NEED YOU...

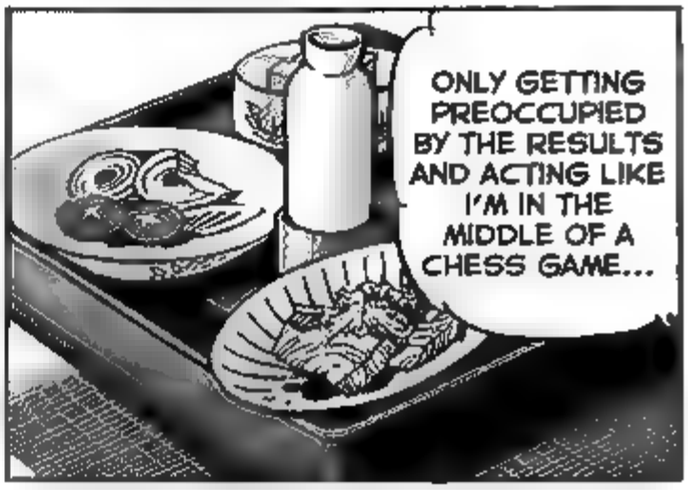
WHEREAS,
WE HAVE A MILI-
TARY POWER
EXTREMELY
DANGEROUS
FOR THIS
PERIOD...
UNFOR-
TUNATELY, WE,
THE MIRAI, HAVE
LOST OUR CHAIN
OF COMMAND.


...TO SUR-
RENDER THE
COMMAND OF
THIS SHIP TO
ANYONE
HOWEVER, I
DON'T HAVE
THE WILL...
AND I
DON'T NEED TO
TELL YOU HOW
UNCOMFORTABLE
THIS SITUATION
IS

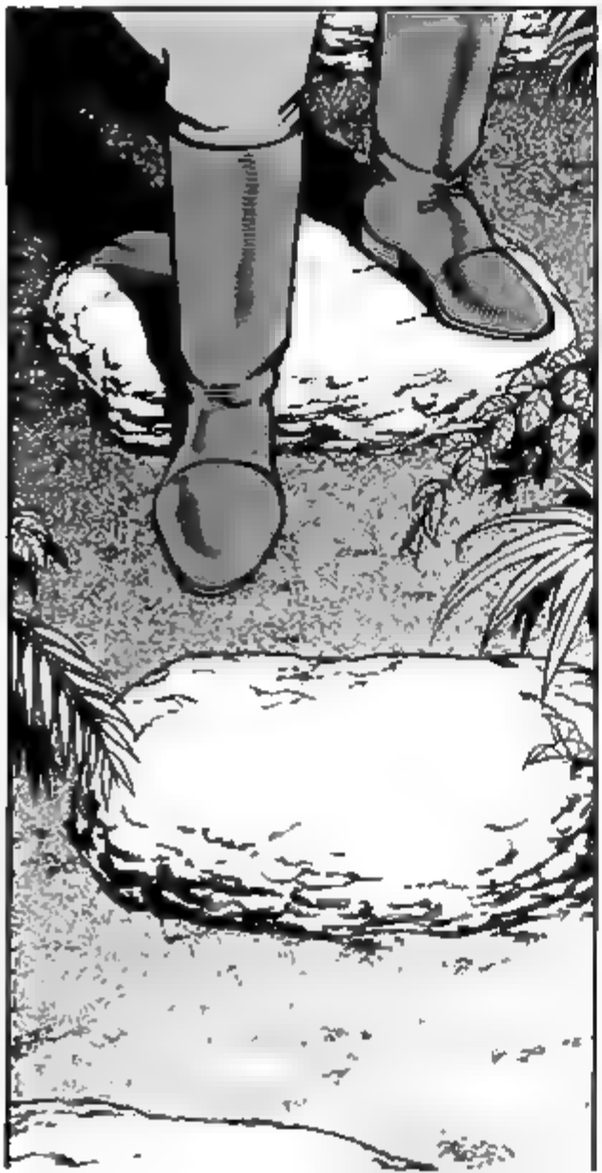
HENCE, I HAVE TO MAKE SOME THINGS CLEAR.
IT'S MY DUTY AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE MIRAI.

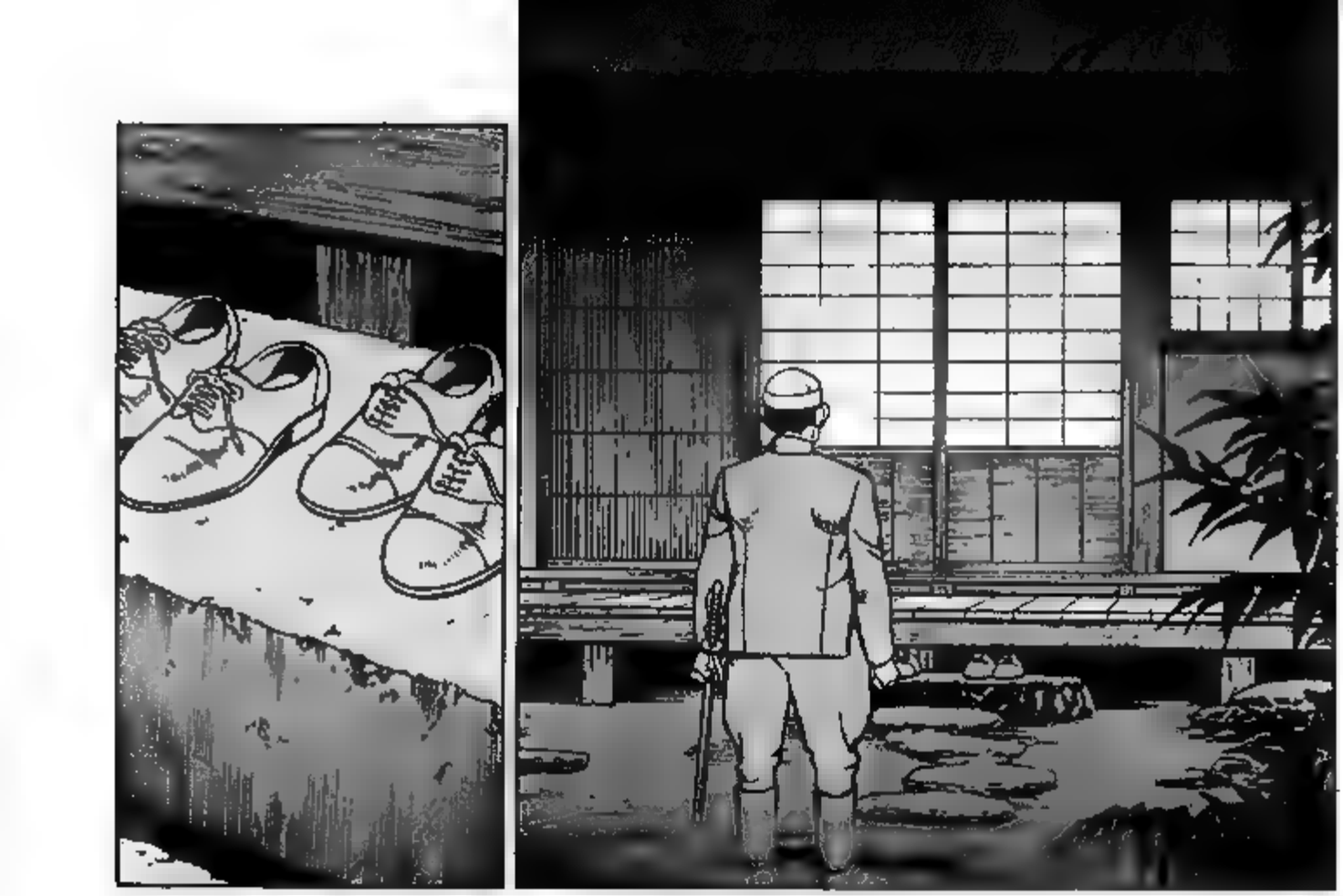
I'M NOT CAPABLE OF THAT

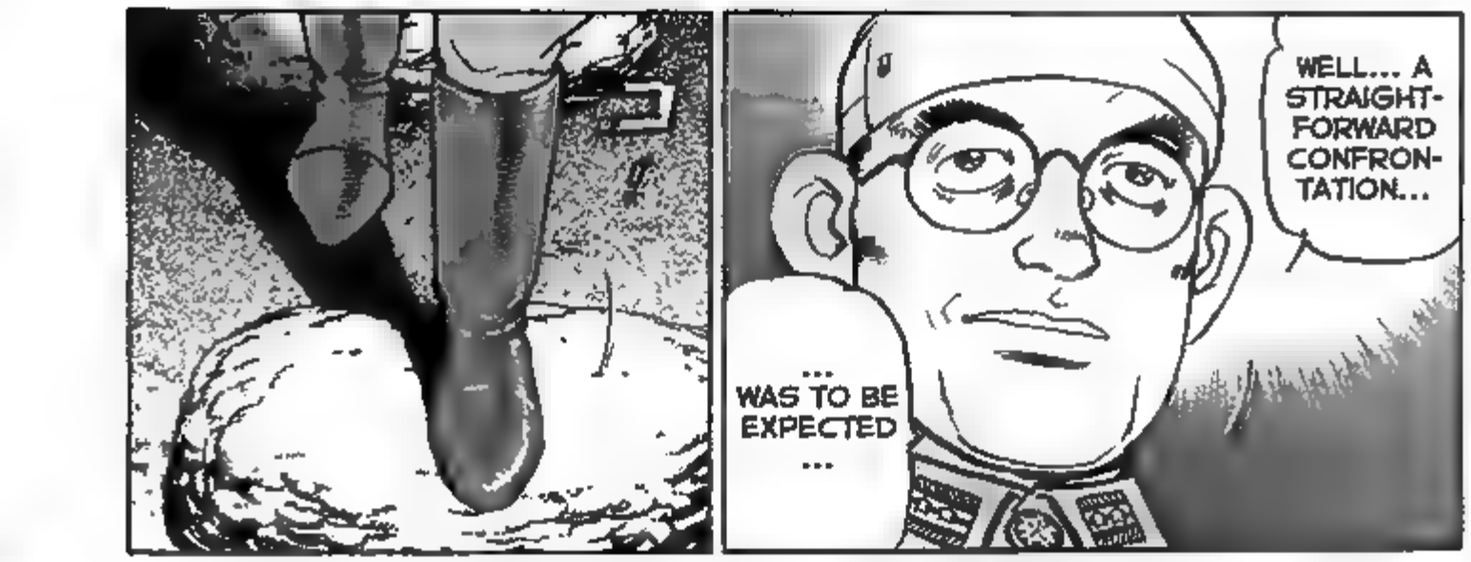

BELIEVING THAT TOMORROW WILL BE A BETTER DAY THAN TODAY, IGNORING PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE EVERY-DAY...

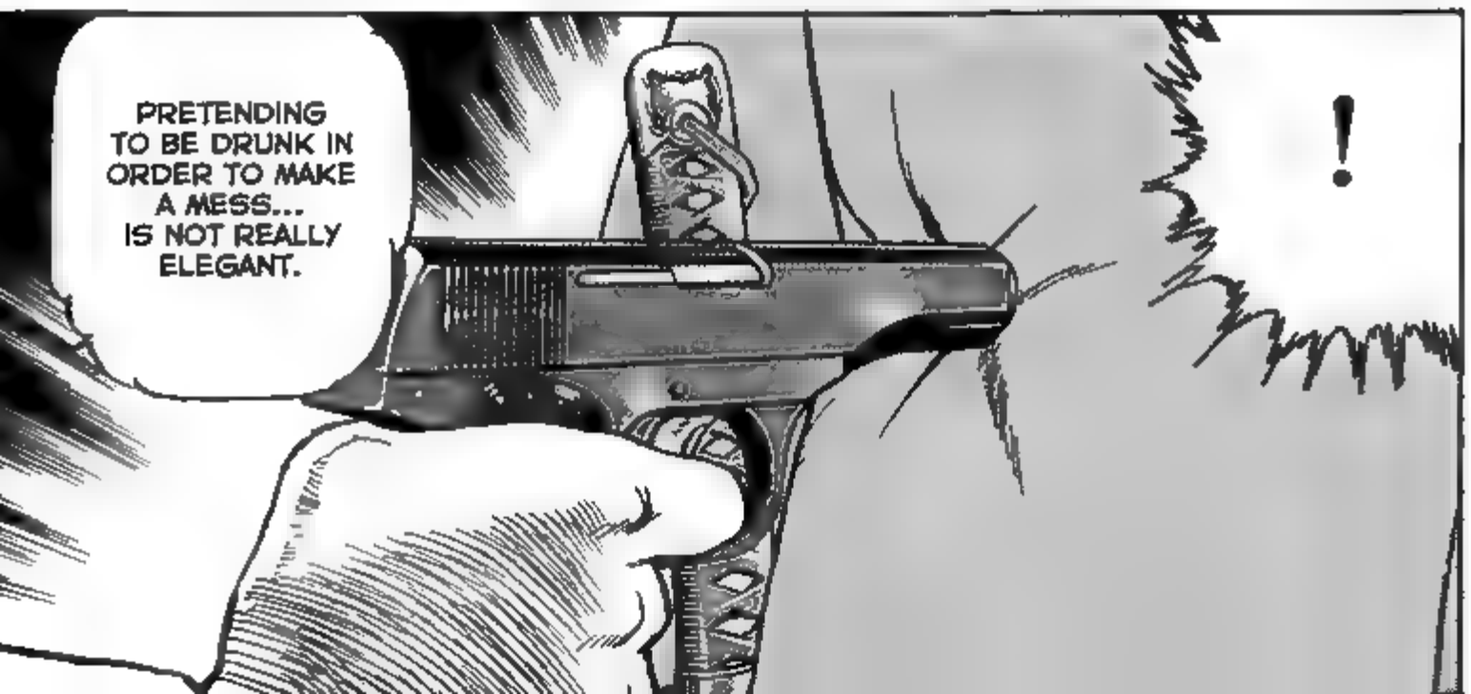

ONLY GETTING PREOCCUPIED BY THE RESULTS AND ACTING LIKE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A CHESS GAME...

YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT KUSAKA, RIGHT?






WELL... A STRAIGHT-FORWARD CONFRON-TATION...
... WAS TO BE EXPECTED ...


PRETENDING TO BE DRUNK IN ORDER TO MAKE A MESS... IS NOT REALLY ELEGANT.
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AND WILLING TO DO REDRAWS

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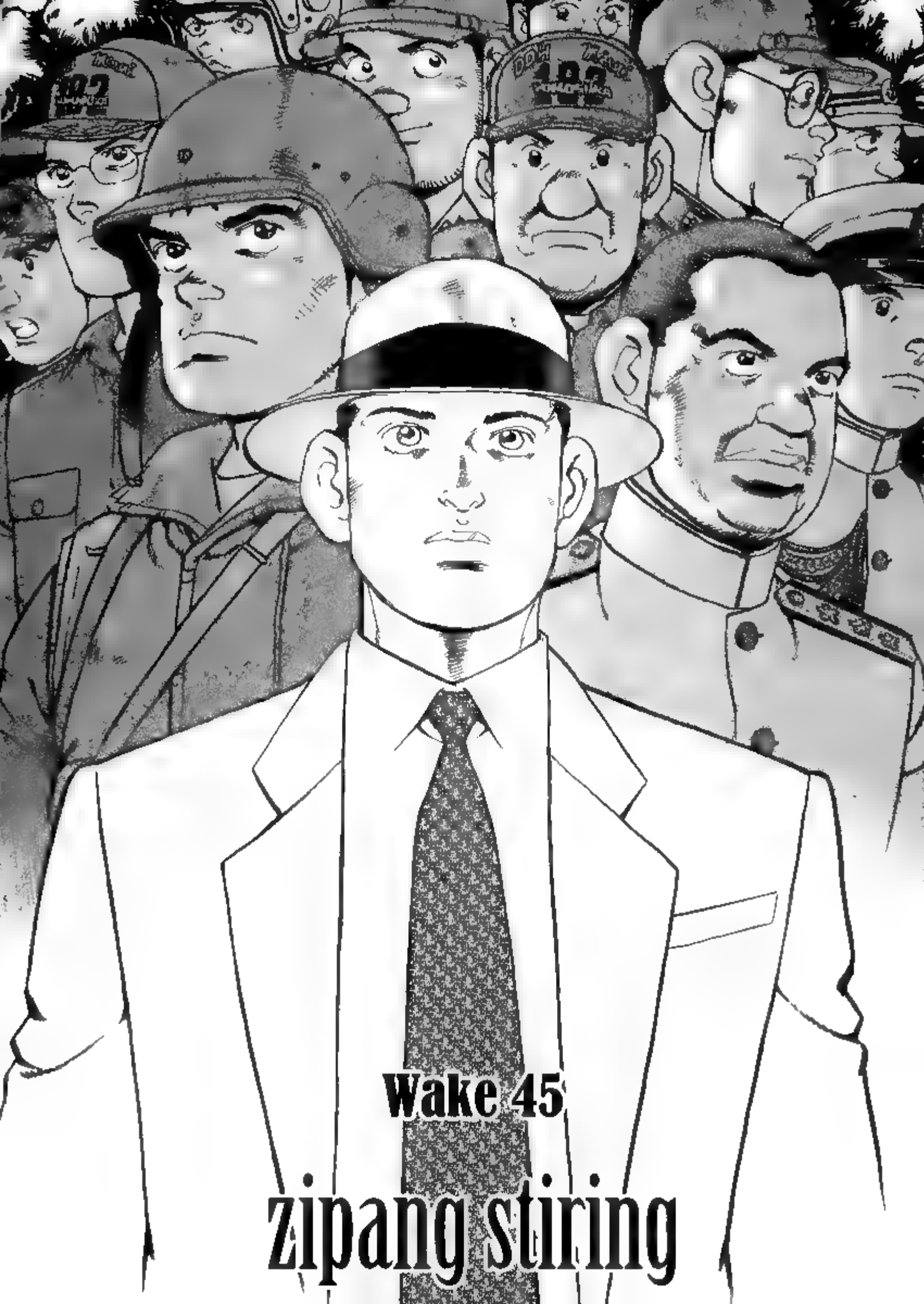
I...
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING? I'M PART OF THE HEADQUARTERS ON SECONDMENT OF THE IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS?!
YOU'RE THE THIRD GRADUATE FROM "THE GROUP OF MILITARY SABERS GIVEN BY THE EMPEROR" OF THE ARMY UNIVERSITY.
AS "MASTER STRATEGIST", YOU BELONG TO THE ELITE MADE KNOWN BY MINISTER TOJO.
DURING THE INCIDENT OF NOMONHAN AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, YOU WERE CARRYING OUT THE OPERATIONS.
MOREOVER, YOU TOOK THE LEADERSHIP OF THE STRATEGIC HEADQUARTERS DURING THE JAPANESE-BLITZKRIEG TO INVADE MALAY.
YOU ...
YOU'RE NOT A CIVILIAN.
I'LL LEAD YOU SOMEWHERE MORE SUITED FOR YOU.
SO, FOLLOW ME...



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GETTING ME ON A BOAT... WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

HAS YOUR WELL-EDUCATED MIND ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD?
COLONEL TSUJI...

IF YOU THINK THAT I, MASANOBU TSUJI...
... IS GOING TO LET YOU KILL ME LIKE THAT...

THE FUTURE ...?
WHAT?

... WE'LL CONTROL THE WORLD ALONG WITH GERMANY, IT'S ALLY !!!

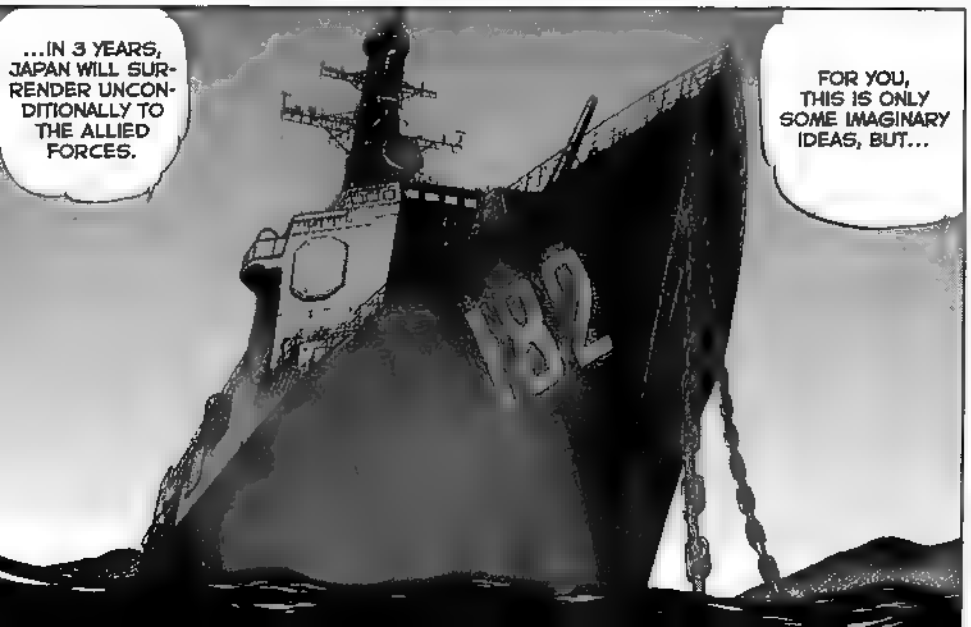
IT'S VERY CLEAR!
OUR EMPIRE WILL SMOTHER THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH PEOPLE RUTHLESSLY AND AS A DOMINANT NATION...

BECAUSE OF A THING OUR ARMY IS EQUIPPED WITH...
... THE UNWAVERING FAITH IN OUR VICTORY!!

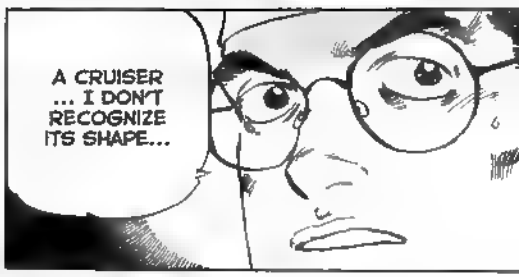
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?

YOU MIGHT BE A VERY FAR-SEEING PERSON, BUT YOU HAVE A BAD TEMPER
THIS LITTLE SELF-CONFIDENCE YOU SHOWED... YOU'RE FROM THE NAVY, RIGHT?!
WHAT ...
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED! YES, ASHAMED!
HUH?
WE'VE ARRIVED.
THERE ...

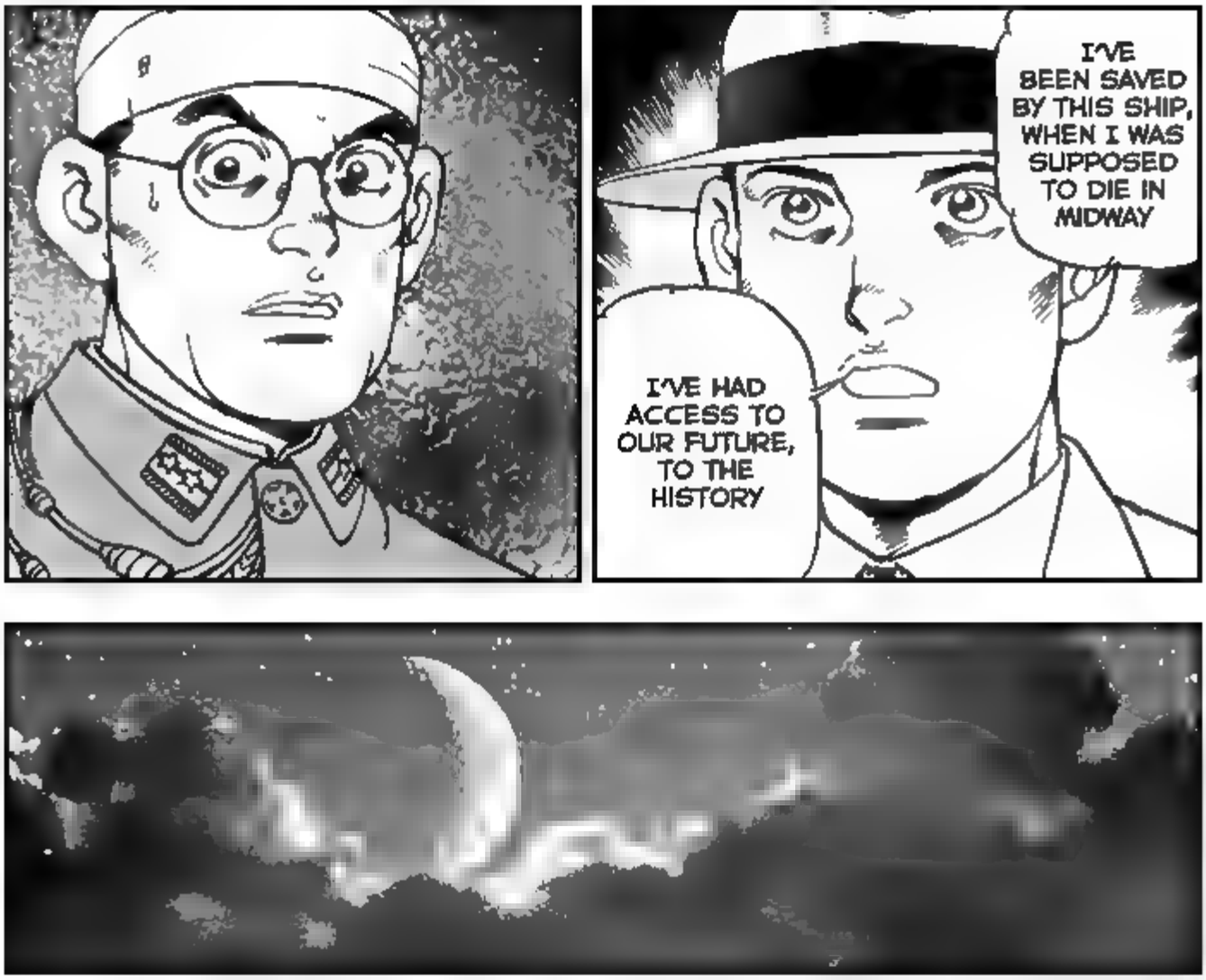
THIS IS THE SYMBOL OF DEFEAT FOR THE GREAT EMPIRE OF JAPAN...

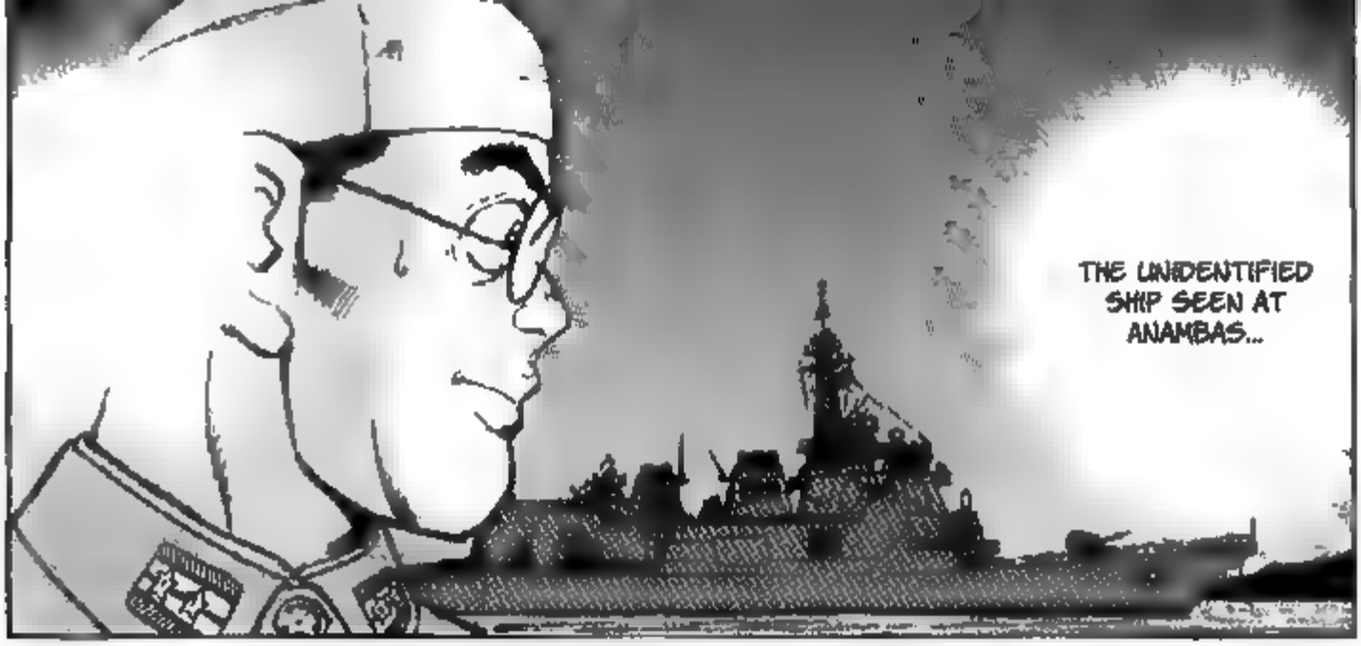

...IN 3 YEARS, JAPAN WILL SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY TO THE ALLIED FORCES.
FOR YOU, THIS IS ONLY SOME IMAGINARY IDEAS, BUT...

WHAT?! IN 60 YEARS?! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?


A CRUISER ... I DON'T RECOGNIZE ITS SHAPE...

IT'S THE MIRAI
IT IS CREWED BY MEN FROM A JAPAN THAT WILL ONLY EXIST IN 60 YEARS FROM NOW...

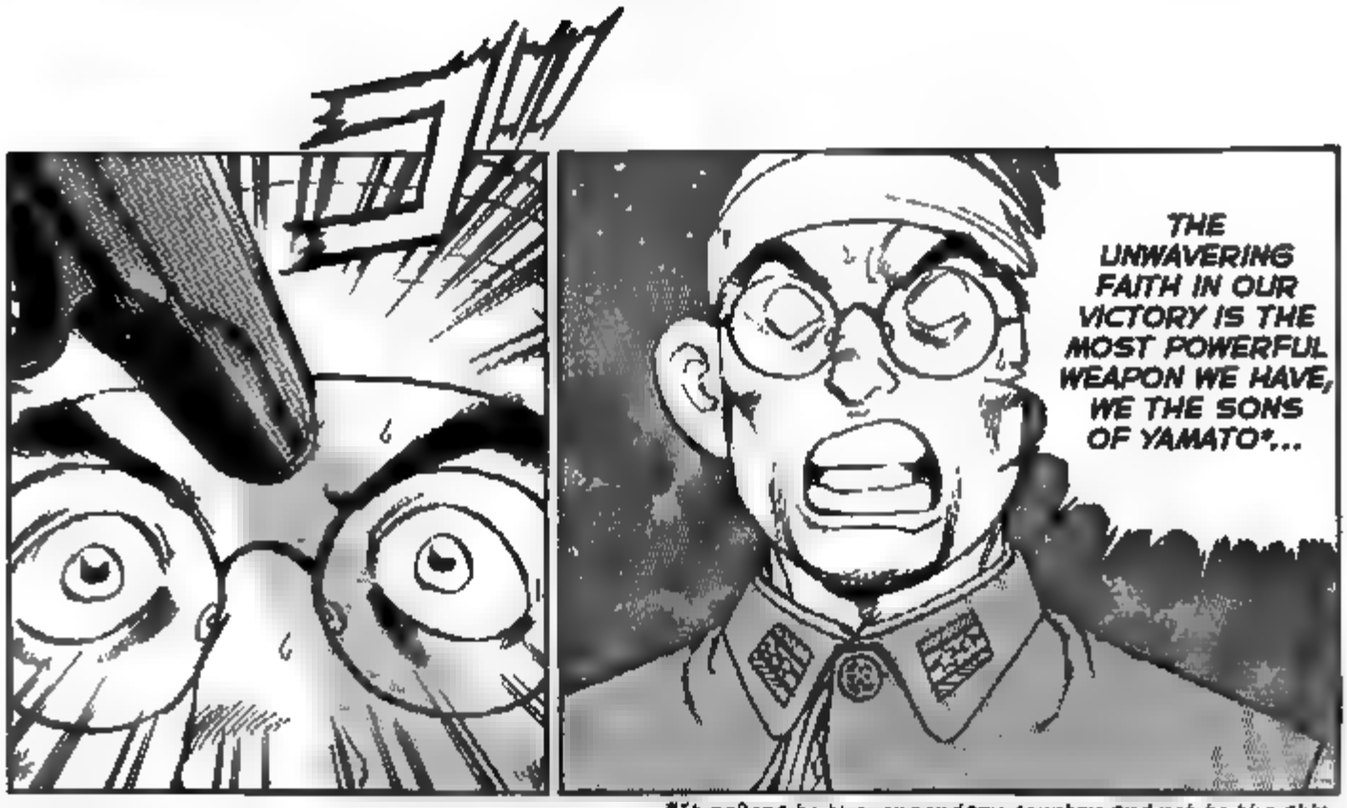

I'VE BEEN SAVED BY THIS SHIP, WHEN I WAS SUPPOSED TO DIE IN MIDWAY
I'VE HAD ACCESS TO OUR FUTURE, TO THE HISTORY
BULLSHIT DOES HE THINK I'D BELIEVE SUCH CRAP...?
BUT THAT INFORMA-TION FROM MALAY..


THE UNIDENTIFIED SHIP SEEN AT ANAMBAS...

YOU'LL SURVIVE UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR.
YOU'RE LUCKY...
!!
YOU ...

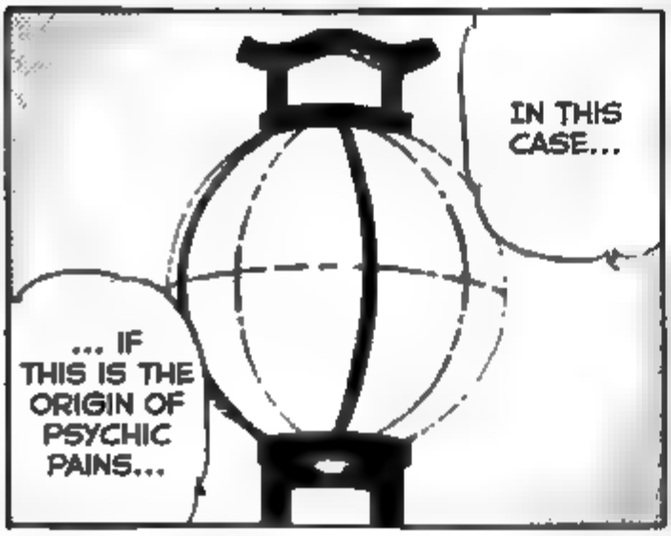
... HOW MANY SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY DIED USE-LESSLY?!
BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR STUB-BORNESS AND YOUR WILL TO FIGHT UNTIL THE LAST MAN ...

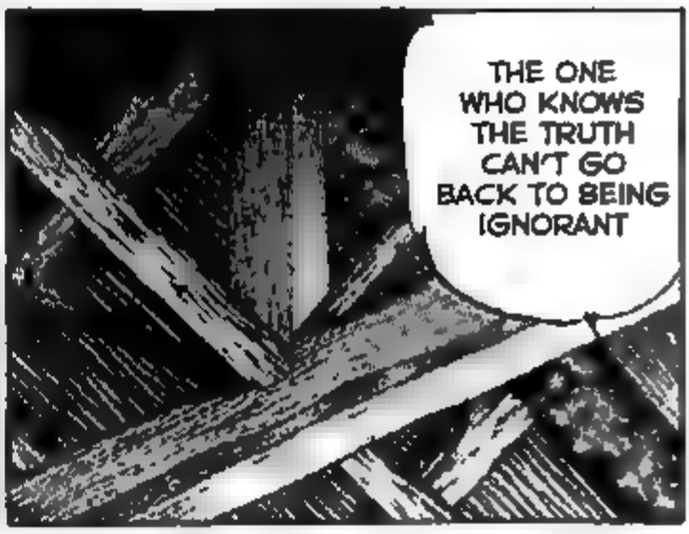
YOU ...
THE LIVES LOST COULD BE REDUCED
IF YOU DIE HERE AND NOW...
AREN'T YOU ASHAMED YOU'RE THINKING THIS WAY, WHILE THERE ARE SOLDIERS AT THE FRONTLINE, FIGHTING IN BIRMANY, NEW GUINEA OR CHINA?!
MEN CAN BE COUNT, BUT THEIR MENTAL STRENGTH CANNOT!
IT'S TRUE THAT BASED ON NUMBERS, WE CAN'T COMPARE TO THEM
BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY WINNING FACTOR!



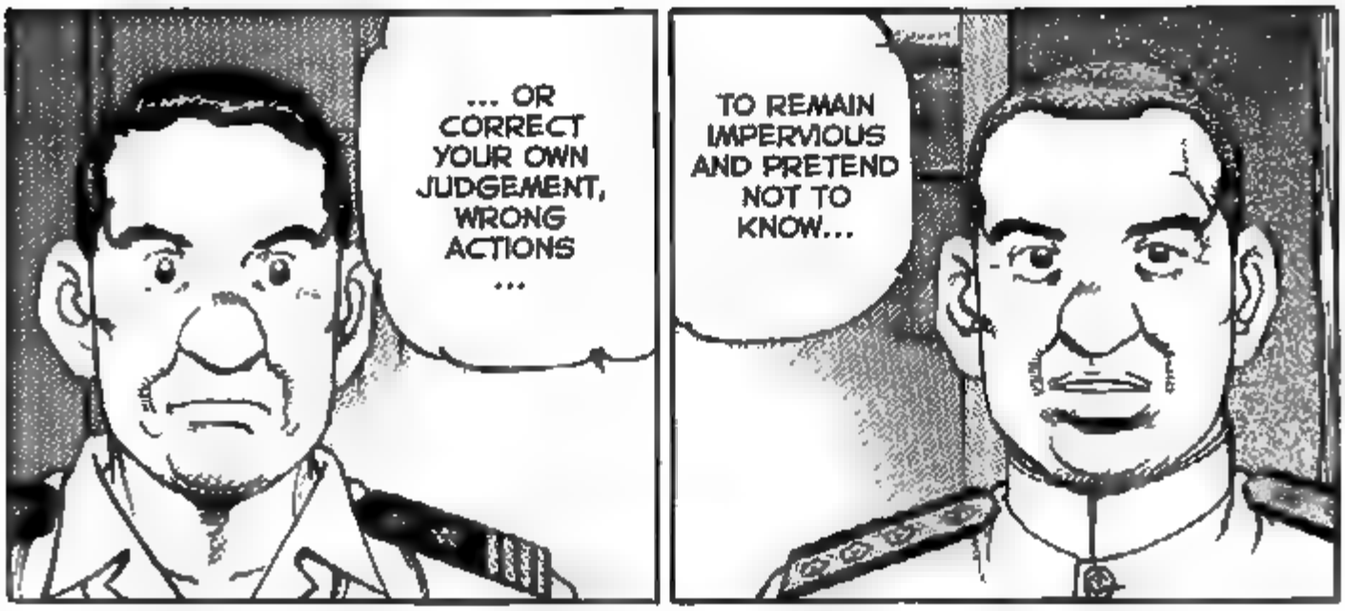
*It refers to the legendary country and not to the ship

PERSONALLY, I THINK KUSAKA'S TORMENTS ARE ALSO MINE.


IN THIS CASE...
... IF THIS IS THE ORIGIN OF PSYCHIC PAINS...

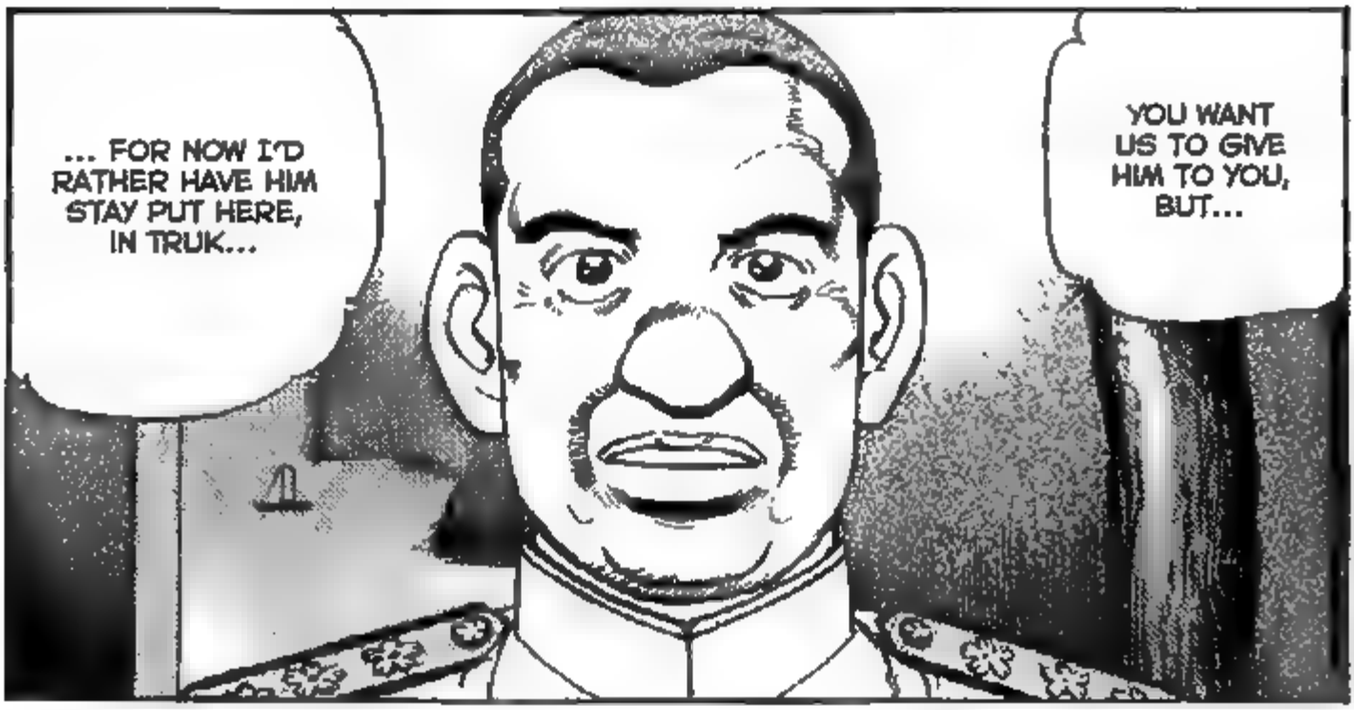

THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE TRUTH CAN'T GO BACK TO BEING IGNORANT

... ONE IS CONFRONTED WITH TWO CHOICES...


... OR CORRECT YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT, WRONG ACTIONS ...
TO REMAIN IMPERVIOUS AND PRETEND NOT TO KNOW...

YOU FOLLOWED YOUR CONVICTIONS, RIGHT?
TRUTHFULLY, YOU TOO, YOU TURNED YOUR CANONS TOWARDS THE YAMATO...

SO, YOU'D TRUST KUSAKA?
ADMIRAL ...


... FOR NOW I'D RATHER HAVE HIM STAY PUT HERE, IN TRUK...
YOU WANT US TO GIVE HIM TO YOU, BUT...

BUT I THINK HIS IDEA IS A LITTLE BIT PREMATURE.

OBVIOUSLY, I'M ALSO ENCOURAGING A QUICK PEACE.
...

CAPTAIN UMEZU, ABOVE ALL, A COUNTRY THE PEOPLE INHABITING IT...

THEN, WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING FROM US?

AND IN ORDER TO DO SO, CANONS OF THE YAMATO ARE MEANINGLESS COMPARED TO THE VERY EXISTENCE OF YOUR SHIP
TO SAVE JAPAN FROM THE TRAGEDY IT'LL FACE...
ONE HAS TO CHANGE THE MINDS OF THE INHABITANTS.
... AND GET BARRACKS READY FOR YOUR MEN.
I'LL GET YOU THE NECESSARY MEN TO ORGANIZE A TOP-SECRET ENTRANCE IN THE PORT ...
THERE ARE STILL HIGH RANKED PEOPLE I COULD TALK TO IN THE NAVY.
YOU'RE SUGGESTING WE DOCK HERE, IN TRUK?
A SHIP CAN'T DO WITHOUT A HOME PORT, IN WHICH IT RESUPPLIES, MAKE REPAIRS AND GET ITS CREW SOME REST.

NO. YOKOSUKA... THE PORT YOU'RE FROM.

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AND NOW ...
I SHOULD BE ALREADY DEAD.
... THAT'S ALSO YOUR CASE.

ABOUT WHAT?
CONSI-DERING YOU AND I ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
... AND YOU HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO HELP ME DO SO.
I WANT TO GO BACK TO TOKYO...
WHO?
I HAVE TO MET SOMEONE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

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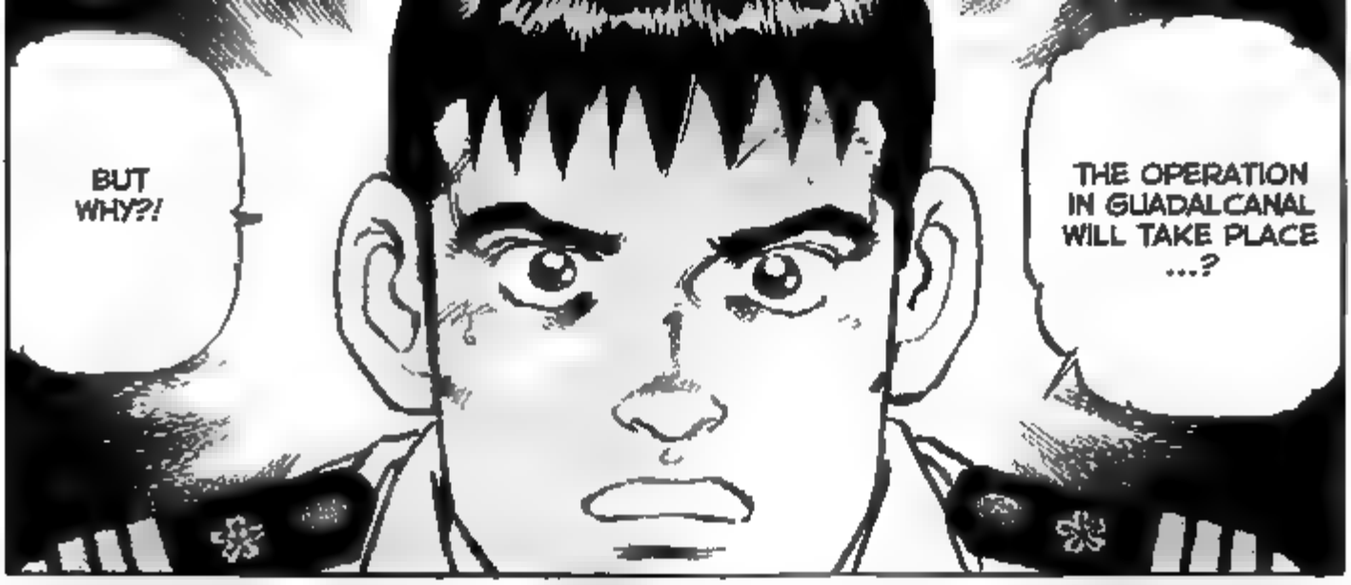
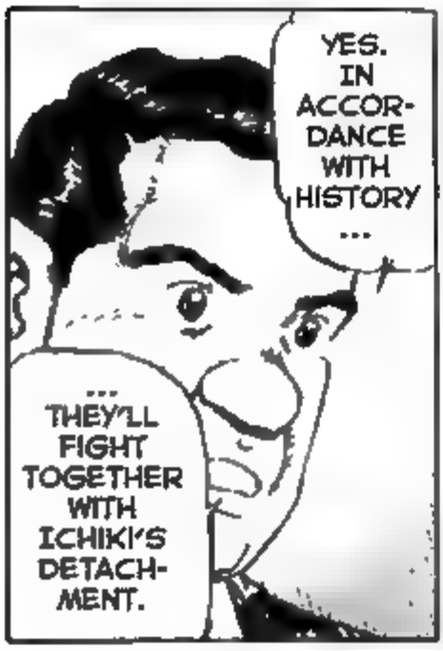

BUT WHY?!
THE OPERATION IN GUADALCANAL WILL TAKE PLACE ...?


YES. IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH HISTORY ...
... THEY'LL FIGHT TOGETHER WITH ICHIKI'S DETACH-MENT.

THAT MEANS ...
... THE THOUSAND TROOPS FROM CAMPS UNDER THE COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER OKAMURA...

THE DECISION IS FROM THE IMPERIAL HEADQUAR-TERS AND ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

WHERE IS KUSAKA?

THE ADMIRAL SEEMS TO WANT HIM TO STAY IN TRUK.

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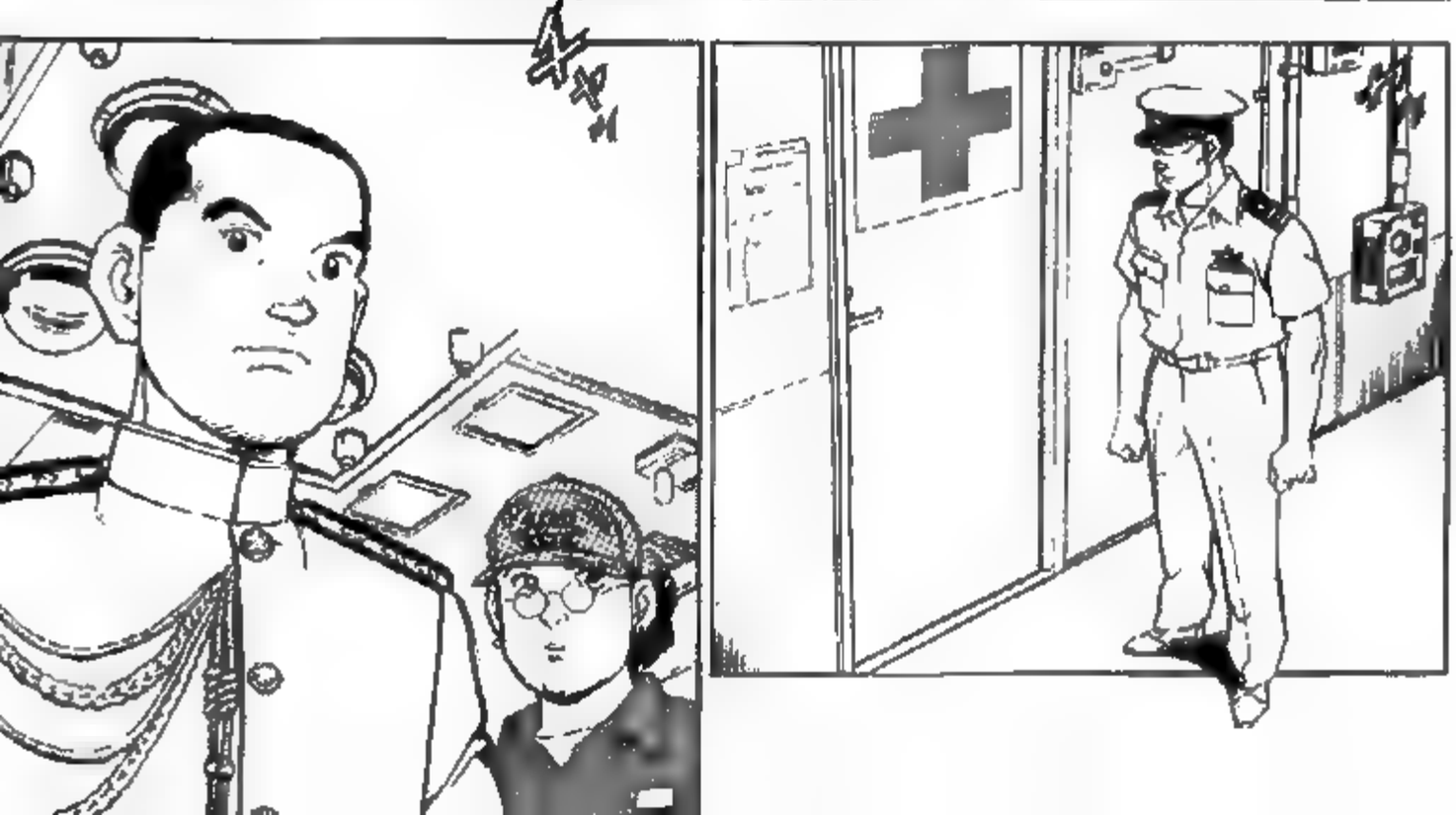
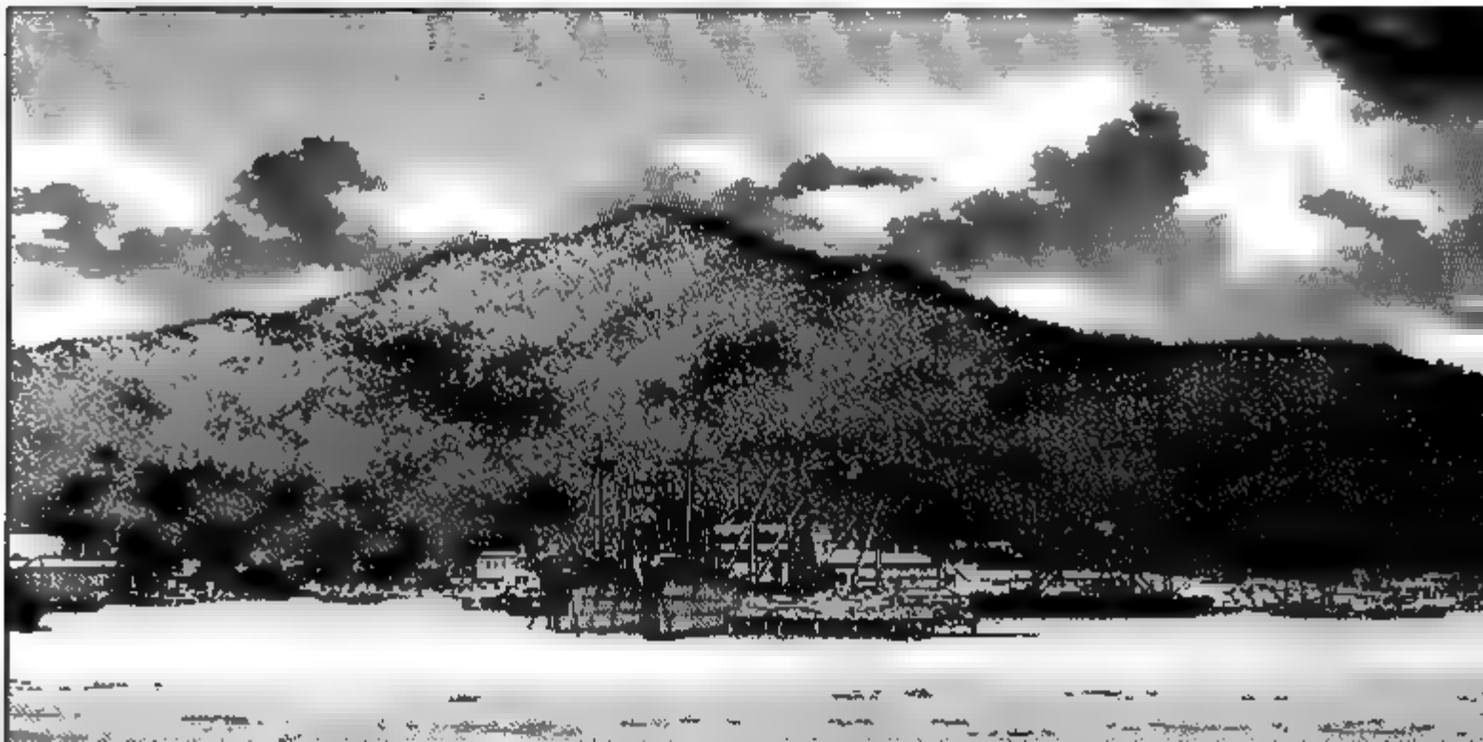
!
EH! OH!
NO, NOT AT ALL!
I BELIEVE 2 MONTHS AT SEA WITHOUT SEEING ANY WOMEN HAS MADE YOU VERY LENIENT ABOUT THAT.
THE NAVY REALLY HAS TO HOLD ITS OWN : ALL THE WOMEN WERE PRETTY.

THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE... I THOUGHT WE WOULD GET YELLED AT.

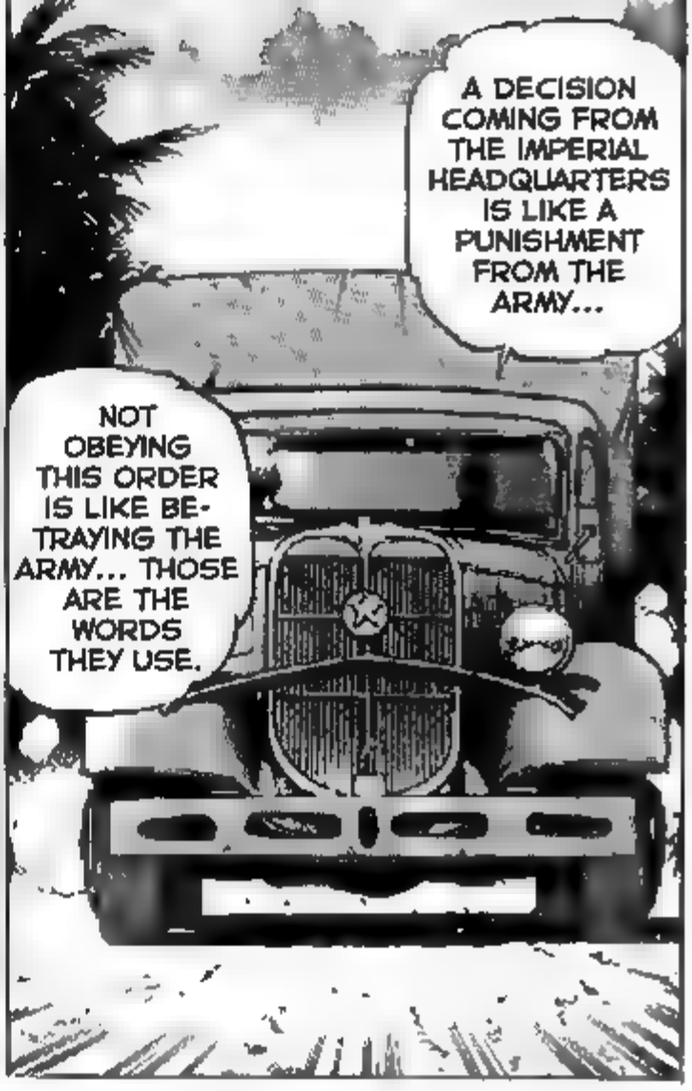


OF COURSE. MY PLEASURE.
LIEUTENANT TSUDA YOU'RE CLEAR TO LAND, COME WITH ME...
CAPTAIN UMEZU IS AWARE OF THIS.

ME TOO ...
I'VE GOT QUESTIONS FOR COMMANDER KUSAKA.

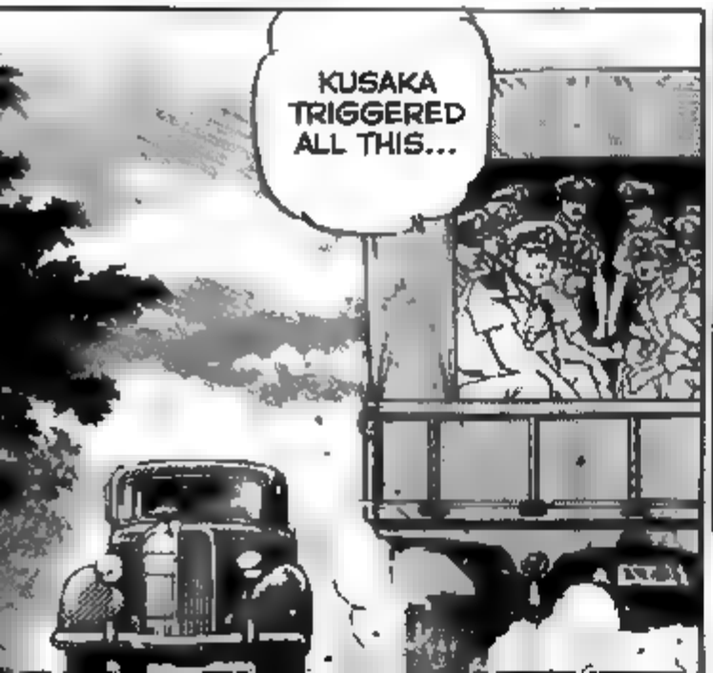


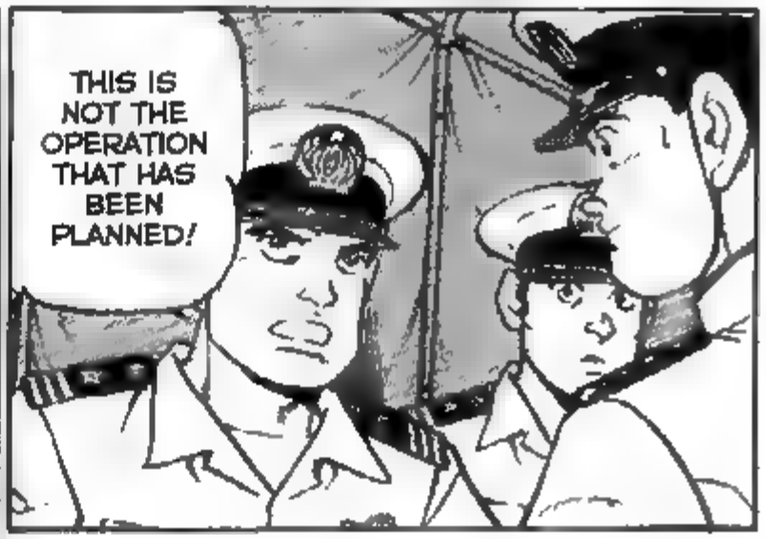
... IT'S PROBABLY HEART-BREAKING.
FOR ADMIRAL YAMA-MOTO ...

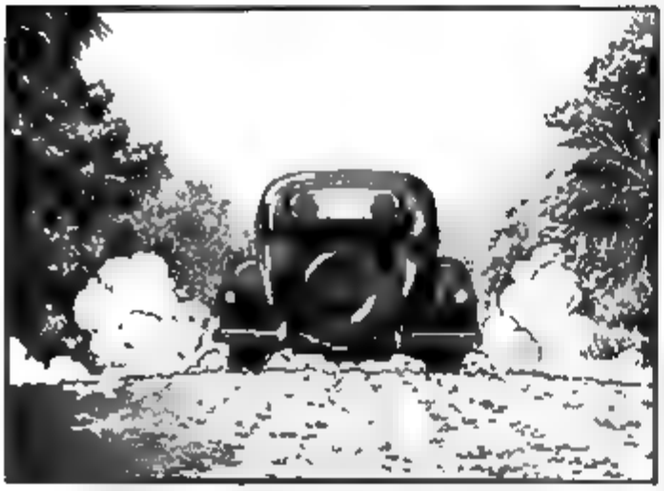

A DECISION COMING FROM THE IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS IS LIKE A PUNISHMENT FROM THE ARMY...
NOT OBEYING THIS ORDER IS LIKE BE-TRAYING THE ARMY... THOSE ARE THE WORDS THEY USE.

HEART-BREAKING ...?

... AND ON THE OTHER END, ALL THE CANONS FROM YAMATO'S FLEET ARE FACING THE AMERICAN ARMY THAT HAS LANDED.
FOLLOWING KUSAKA'S ADVICES, ON ONE END, HE PRETENDED HE'D CANCELED THE OPERATION IN GUADALCANAL ...


KUSAKA TRIGGERED ALL THIS...


THIS IS NOT THE OPERATION THAT HAS BEEN PLANNED!



KUSAKA!!!
WHAT?!

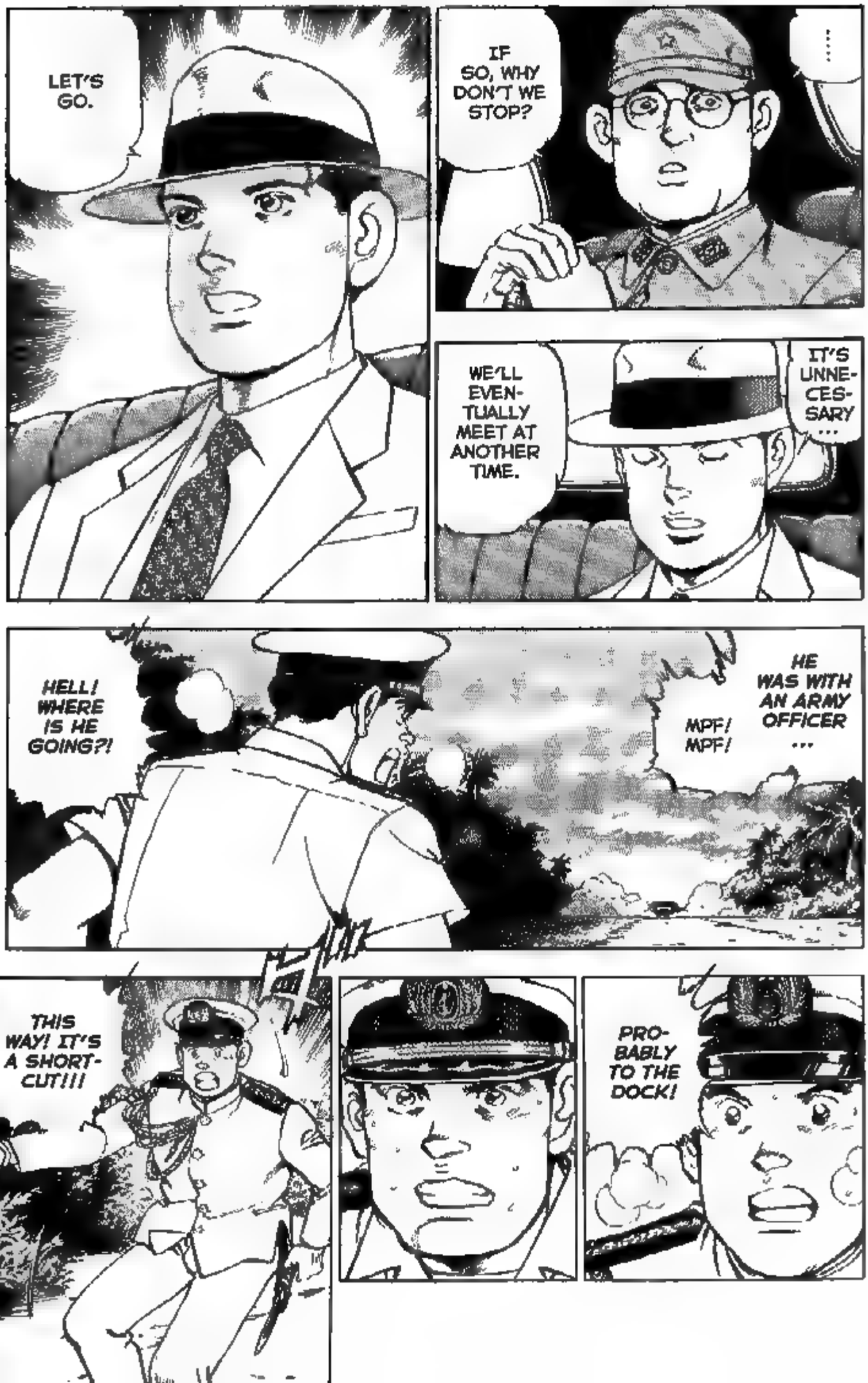
BAS-
TARD
...
I
FOUND
YOU!

COM-
MANDER!!
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?!
ALL
OF YOU,
DON'T STOP!
JUST GO
AHEAD!

YES
!!!
LIEUTE-
NANT
TSUDA!
WE'RE
FOLLO-
WING
HIM!

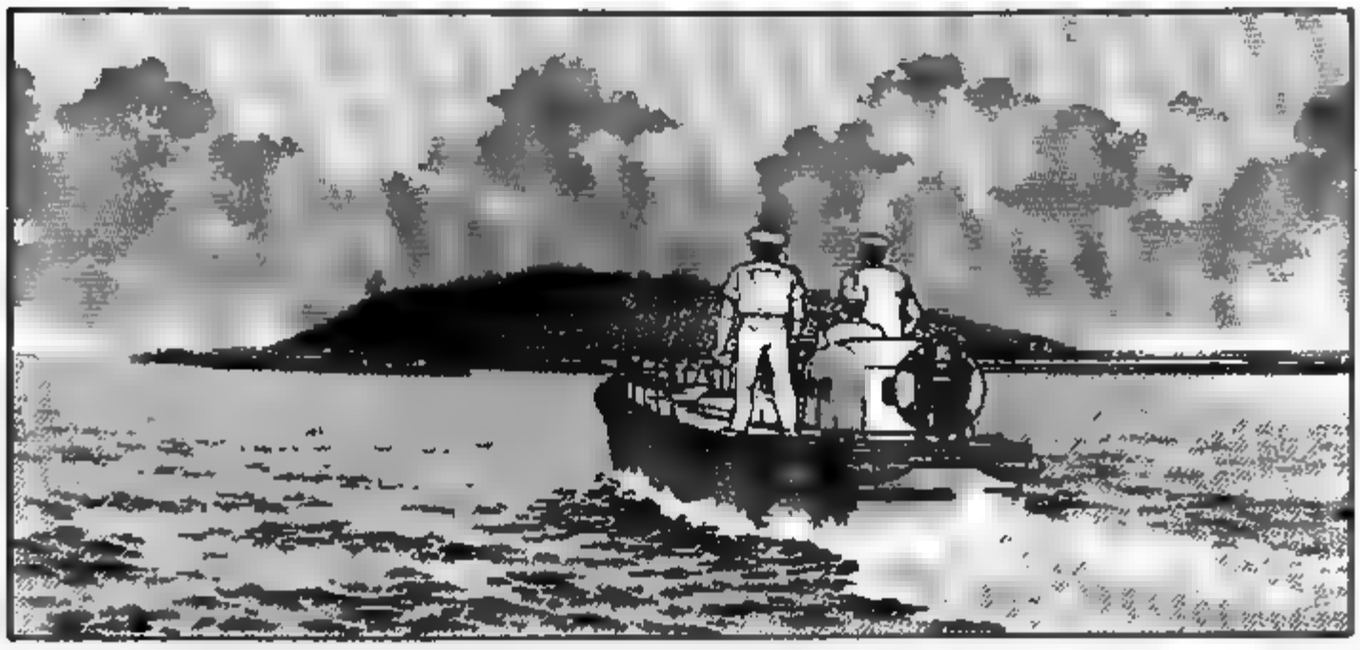
SINCE WE'RE ON AN ISLAND!
IT'S A SHAME FOR YOU KUSAKA!! WHEREVER YOU GO, I'LL FIND YOU!!!

... A PRECIOUS FRIEND OF MINE.
IT'S THE MAN WHO SAVED MY LIFE AND ALSO...
YOU KNOW HIM?


LET'S GO.
IF SO, WHY DON'T WE STOP?
.....
WE'LL EVEN-TUALLY MEET AT ANOTHER TIME.
IT'S UNNE-CES-SARY ...
HELL! WHERE IS HE GOING?!
MPF! MPF!
HE WAS WITH AN ARMY OFFICER ...
THIS WAY! IT'S A SHORT-CUT!!!
PRO-BABLY TO THE DOCK!

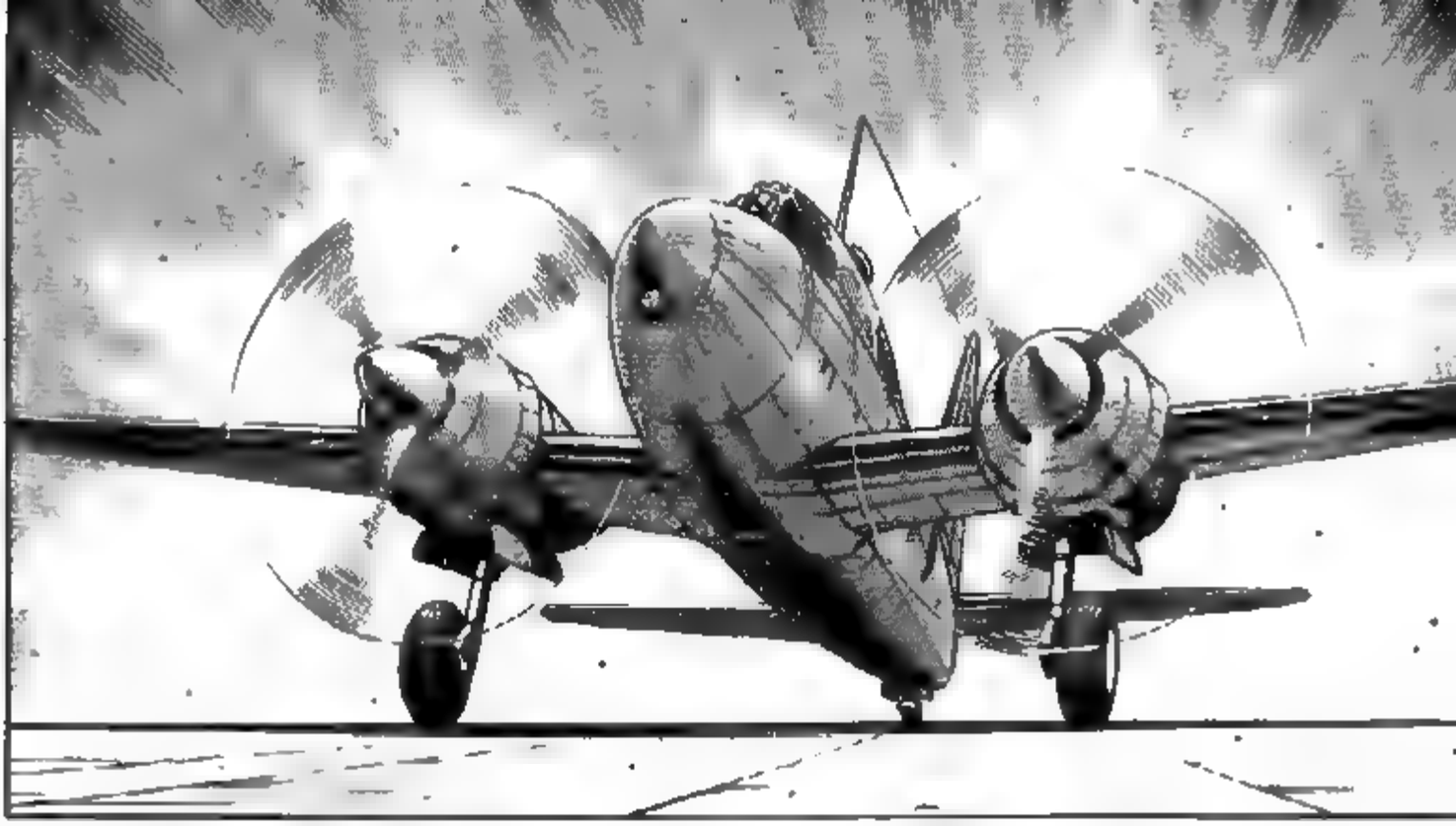
coral island (or islands) that encircles a lagoon partially or completely

TAKE-JIMA ...
... THE AIRPORT?!
THIS BOAT IS GOING TO TAKEJIMA.
WE'D BETTER HURRY UP...
START THE EN-GINES!!!
I'M SORRY LIEU-TENANT, BUT I'M WAINTING FOR CAPTAIN NISHIDA WHO'S COMMAN-DING THE HIE!/
!
YES, SIR!!!
IT'S AN ORDER FROM ADMI-RAL YAMA-MOTO !!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT!



THERE ARE NO MORE FLIGHTS PLANNED FOR TODAY...

... THERE WAS A LATE REQUEST FROM COLONEL TSUJI, BUT...
COLONEL TSUJI ?!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE !!!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
THAT'S IT!
WHERE IS IT?!



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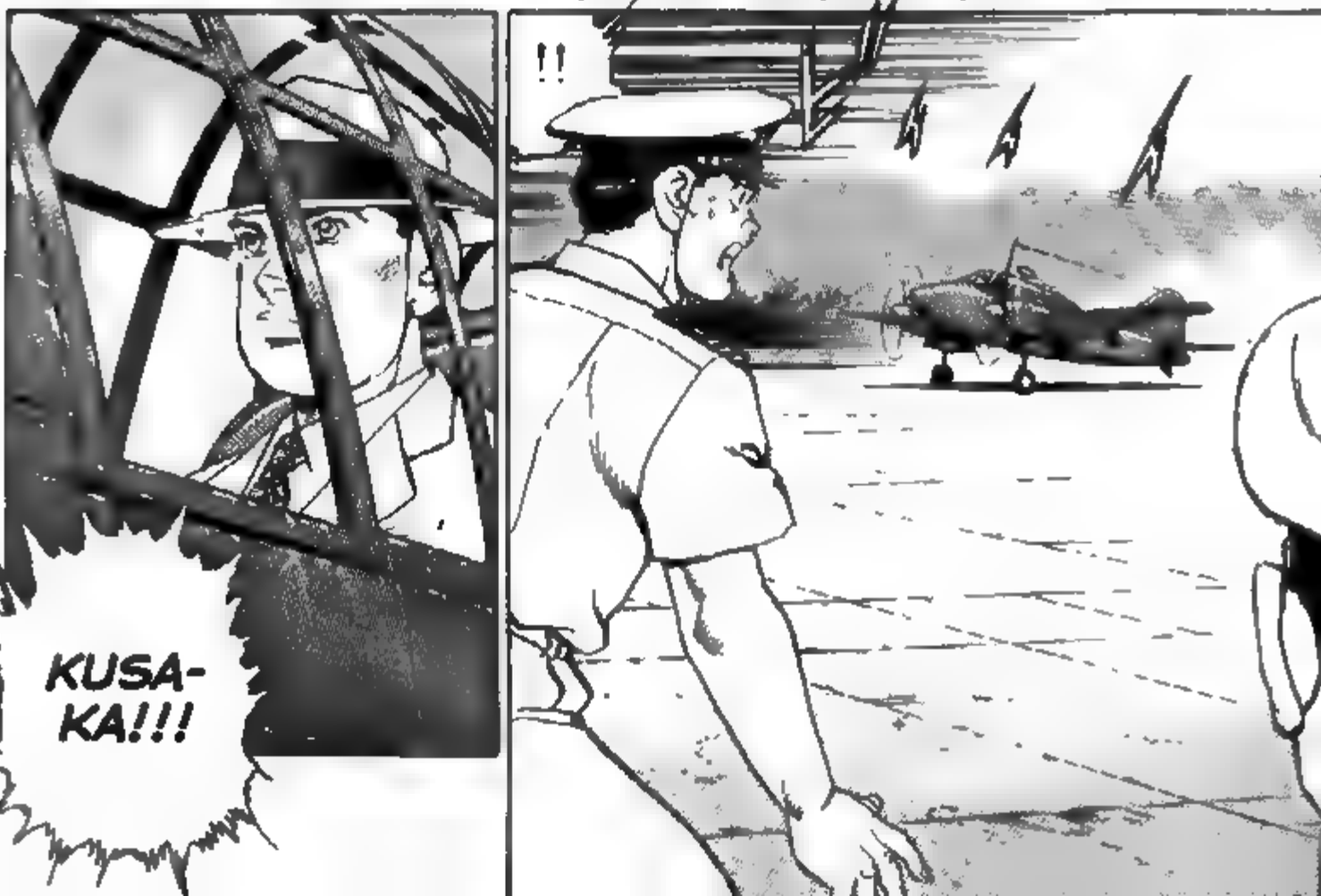
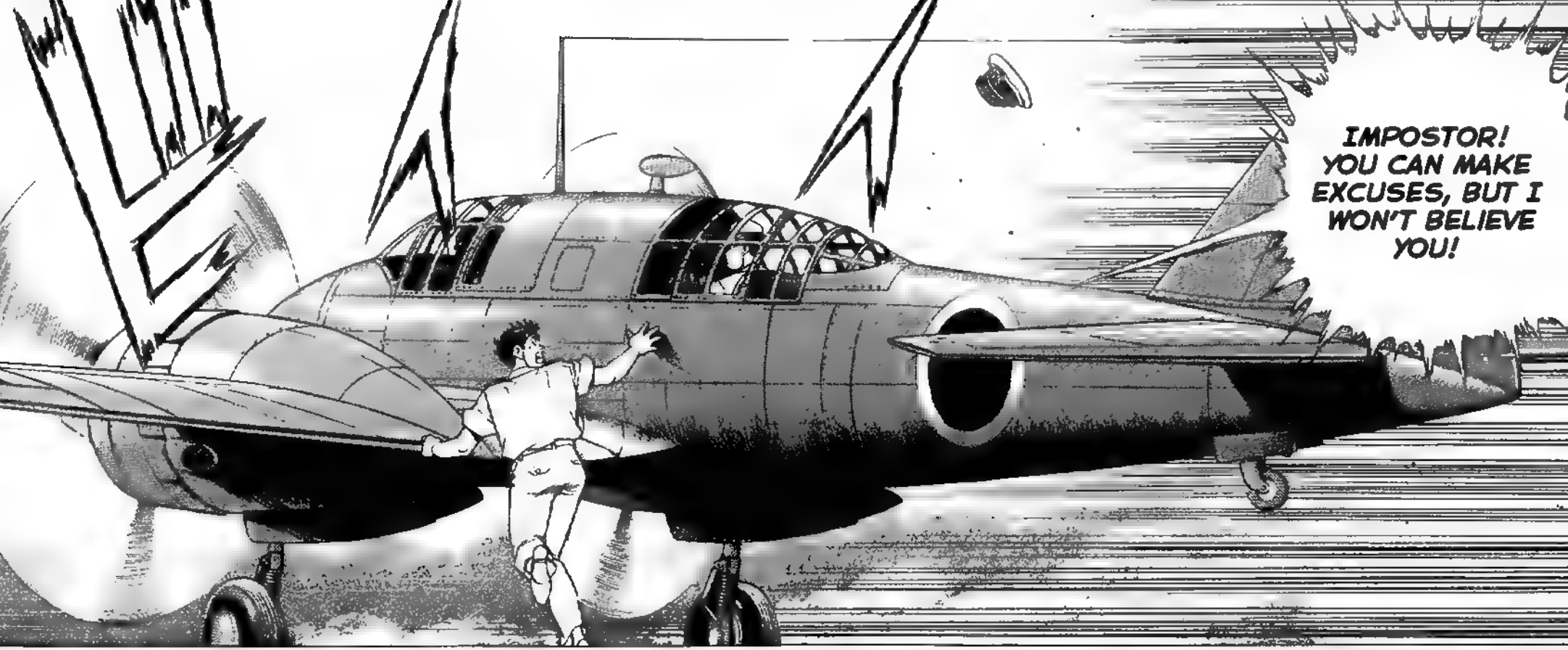
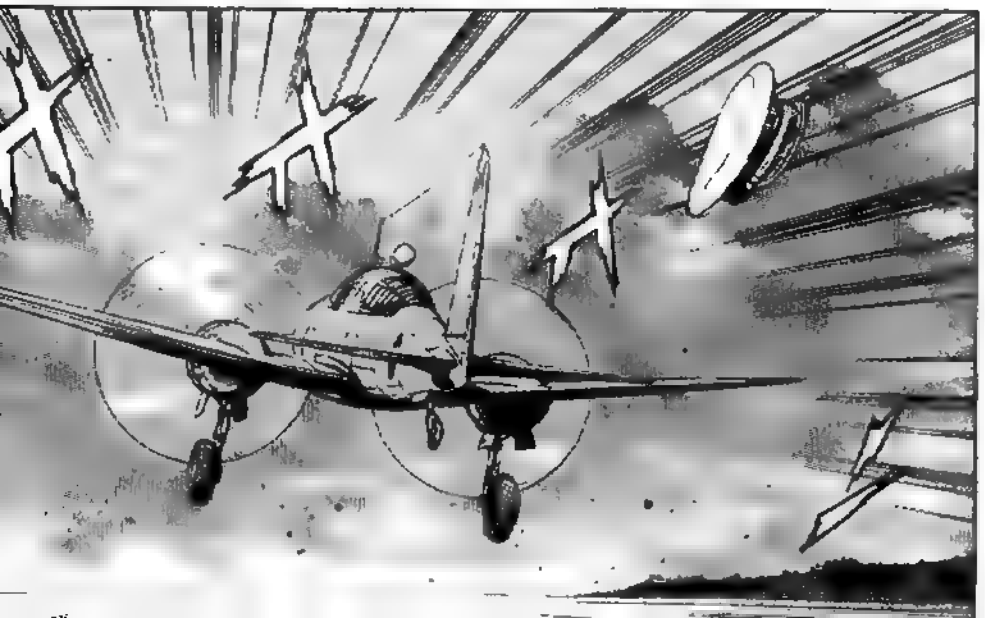


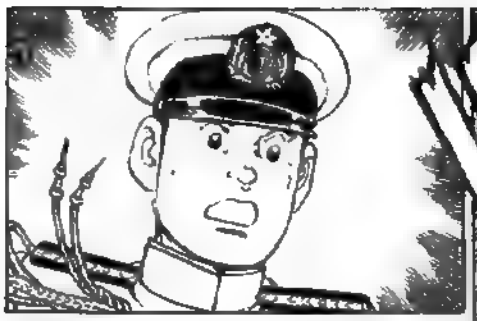
I DON'T CARE ABOUT AUTHORITY! WE'RE IN A NAVY BASE, RIGHT?!
IT'S A PLANE FROM THE ARMY, I DON'T HAVE ANY AUTHORITY TO STOP IT.
WE'VE GOT TO STOP IT LIEUTE-NANT!!!
!!
IF I STOP IT, NOBODY COULD SAY ANY-THING!
WAIT !!!
!

YES, SIR !!!
WE'RE TAKING OFF...
WHAT ARE WE DOING?
YOU'RE ESCAPING KUSAKA?! OPEN IT!
WHEREVER YOU GO, I'LL FIND YOU AGAIN! IT'S A PROMISE!
I WON'T BACK DOWN!!

WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!?
WE'RE TAKING OFF.


IMPOSTOR! YOU CAN MAKE EXCUSES, BUT I WON'T BELIEVE YOU!





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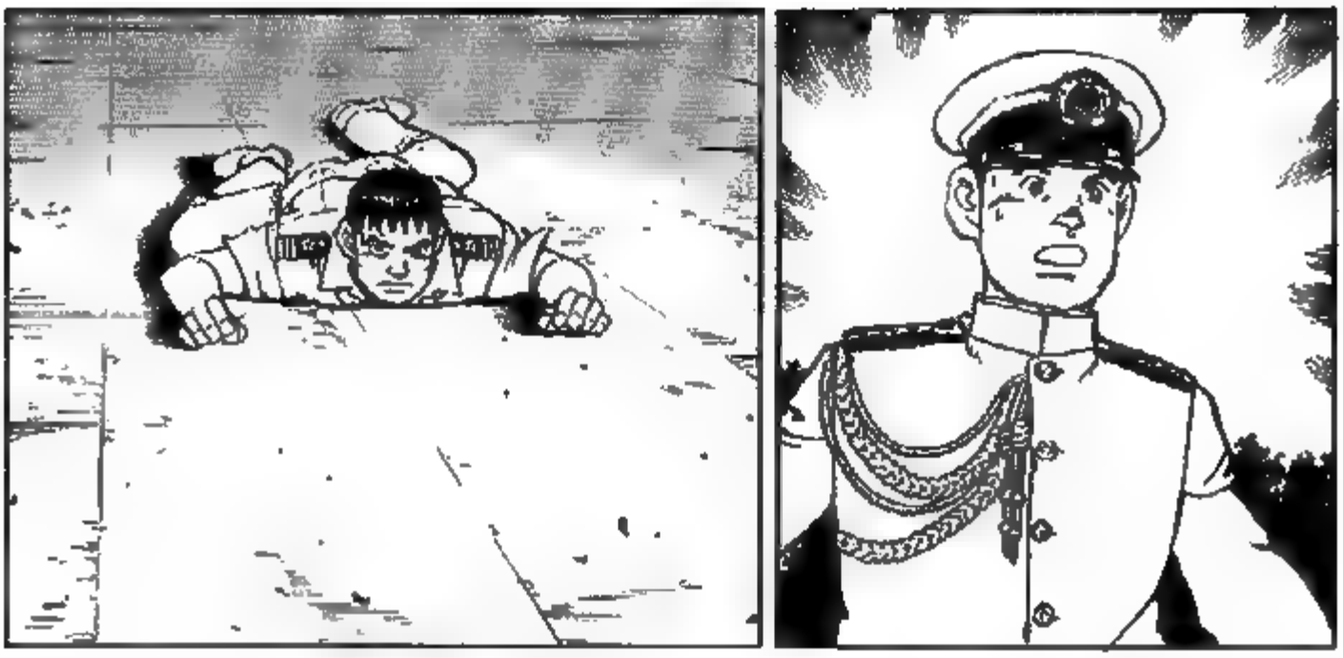
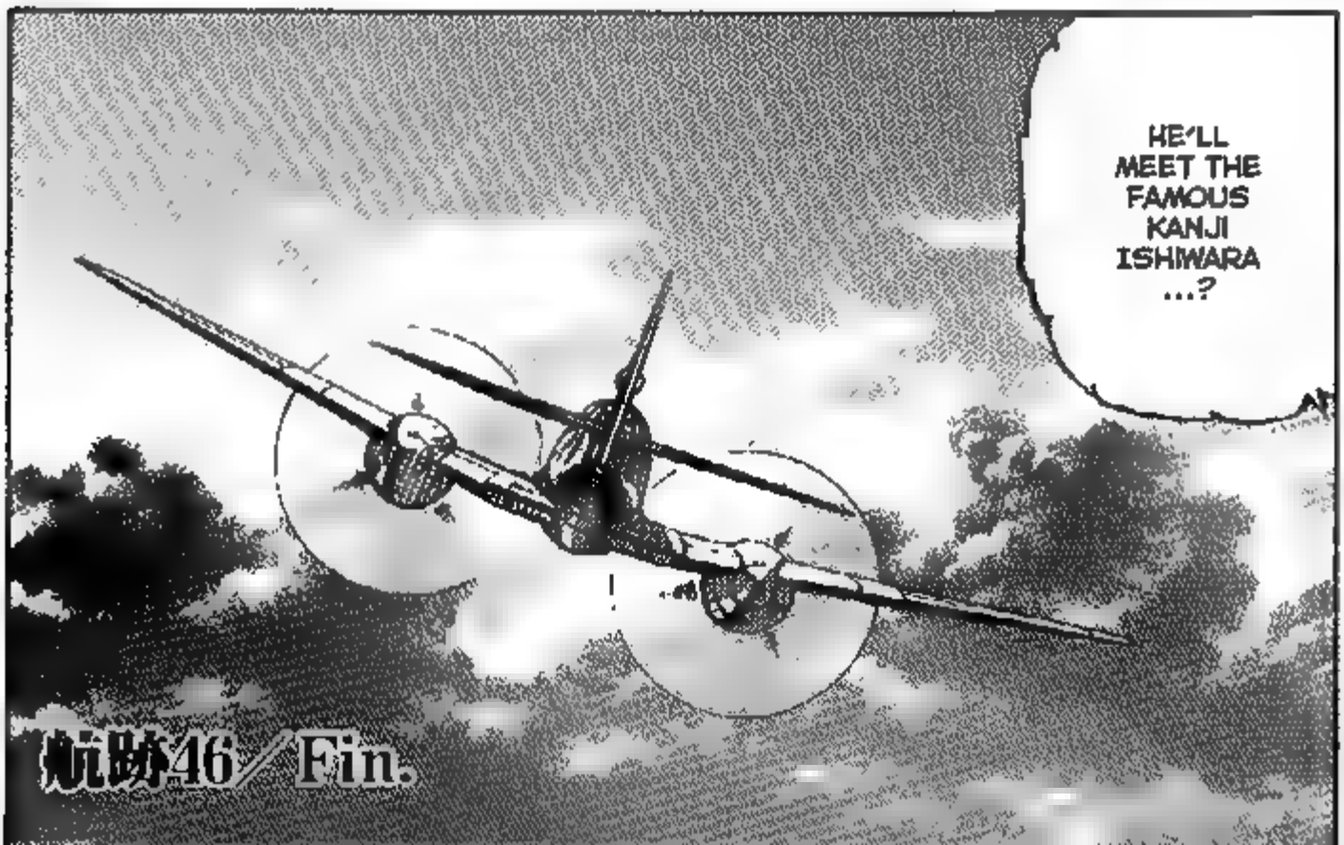


"I. SHI. WA. RA" ...
...THAT'S WHAT HE SAID...


HE'LL MEET THE FAMOUS KANJI ISHIWARA ...?
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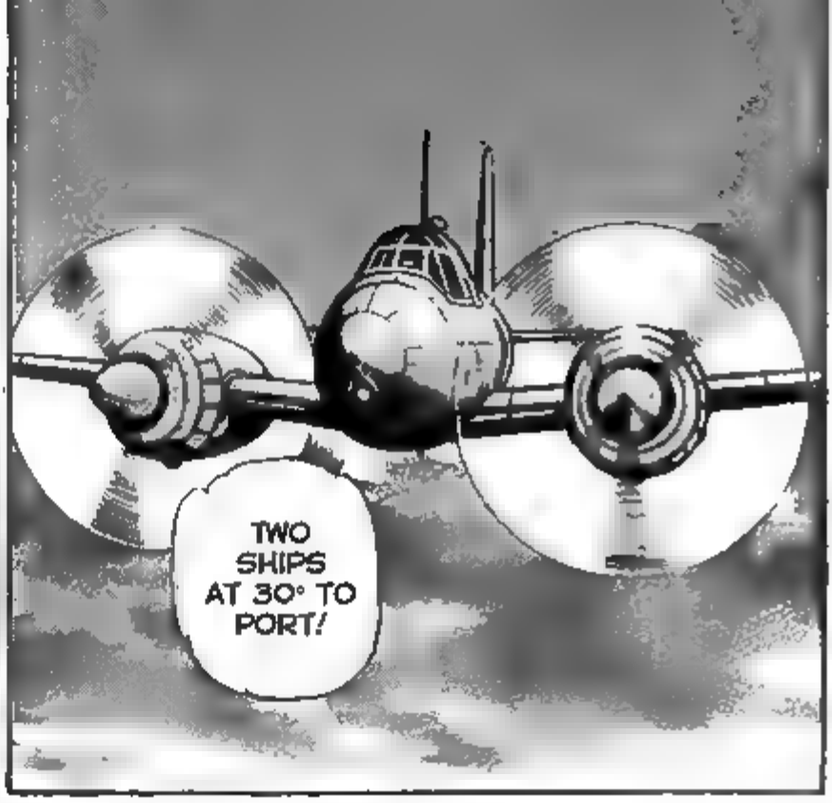
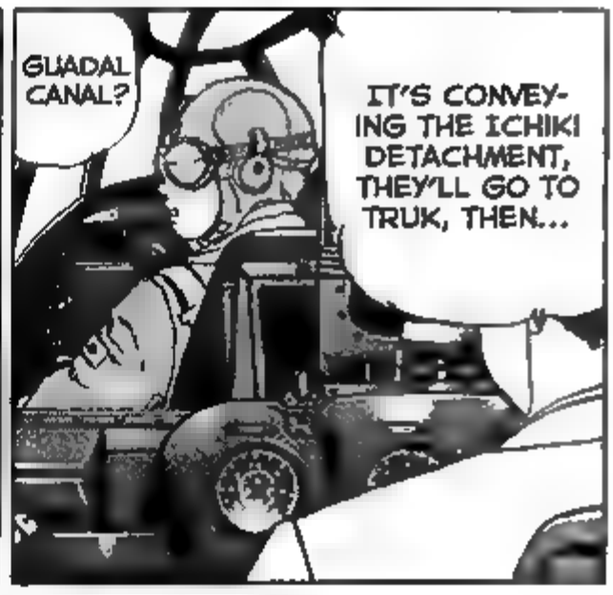
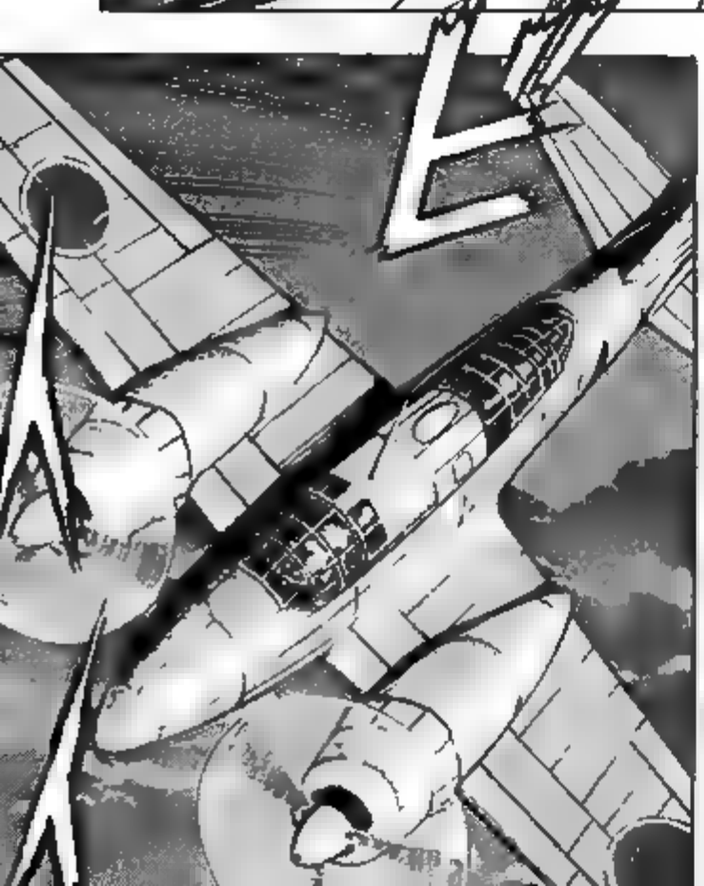
APPARENTLY, IT'S HEADING TOWARDS TRUK.


TWO SHIPS AT 30° TO PORT!

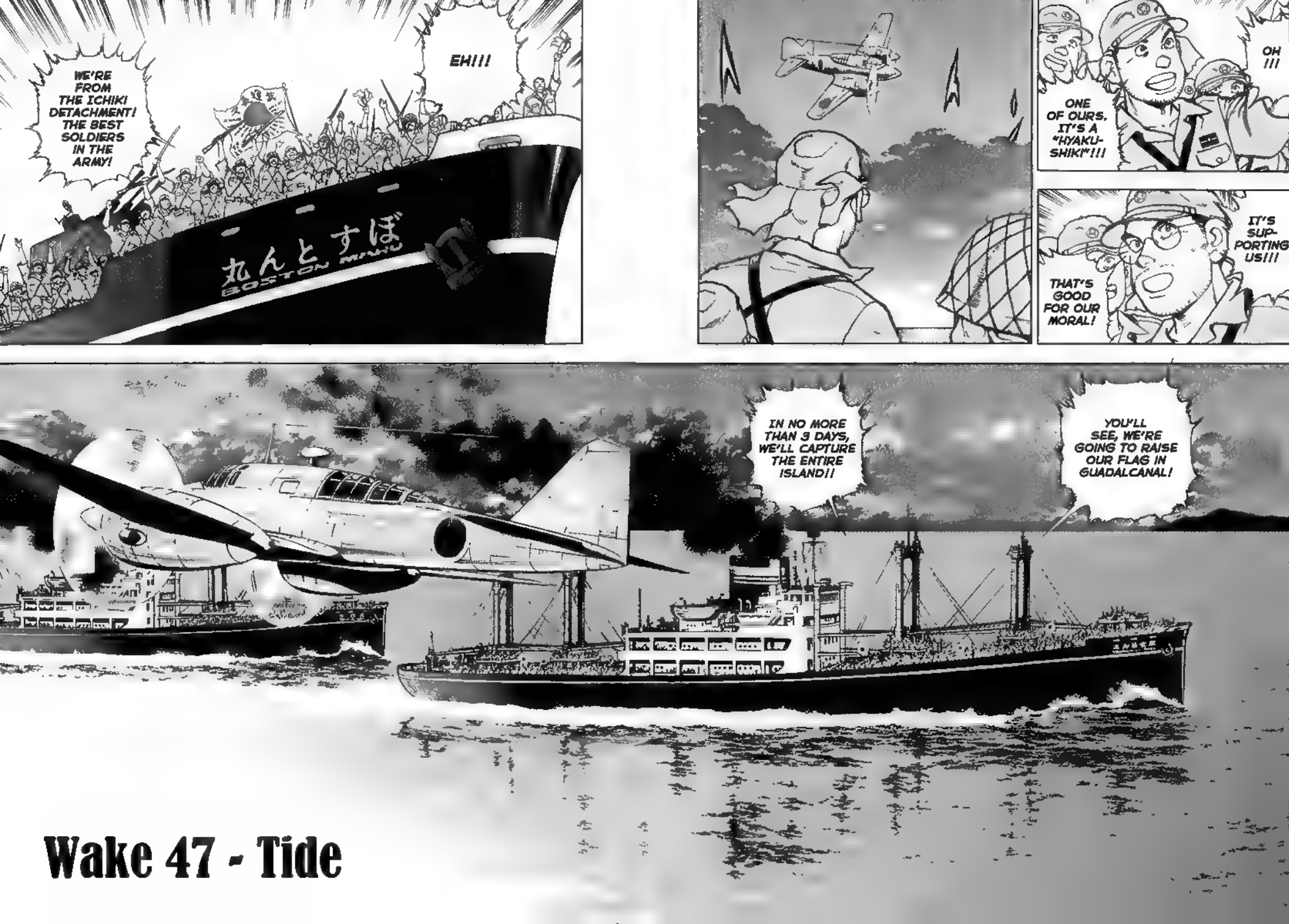
NO... HELL.


GUADAL CANAL?
IT'S CONVEYING THE ICHIKI DETACHMENT, THEY'LL GO TO TRUK, THEN...



YES, SIR!!!

CAN WE LOWER THE ALTITUDE, NEAR THE WATER?


WE'RE FROM THE ICHIKI DETACHMENT! THE BEST SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY!
EH!!!
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BOSTON MARU
ONE OF OURS, IT'S A "HYAKU-SHIKI"!!!
OH !!!
THAT'S GOOD FOR OUR MORAL!
IT'S SUP-PORTING US!!!
IN NO MORE THAN 3 DAYS, WE'LL CAPTURE THE ENTIRE ISLAND!!
YOU'LL SEE, WE'RE GOING TO RAISE OUR FLAG IN GUADALCANAL!

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IT'S NOT NECES-SARY.
I'M GOING TO SEND THEM A VISIBLE SIGNAL!
HUH?

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LIVES
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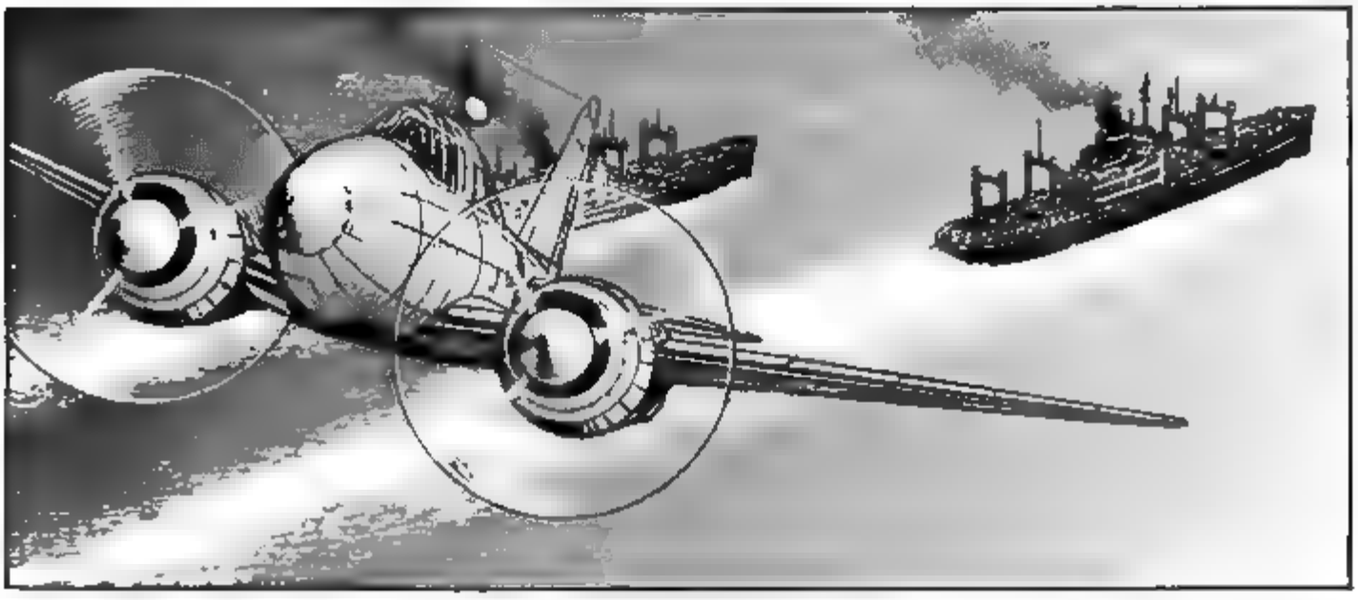
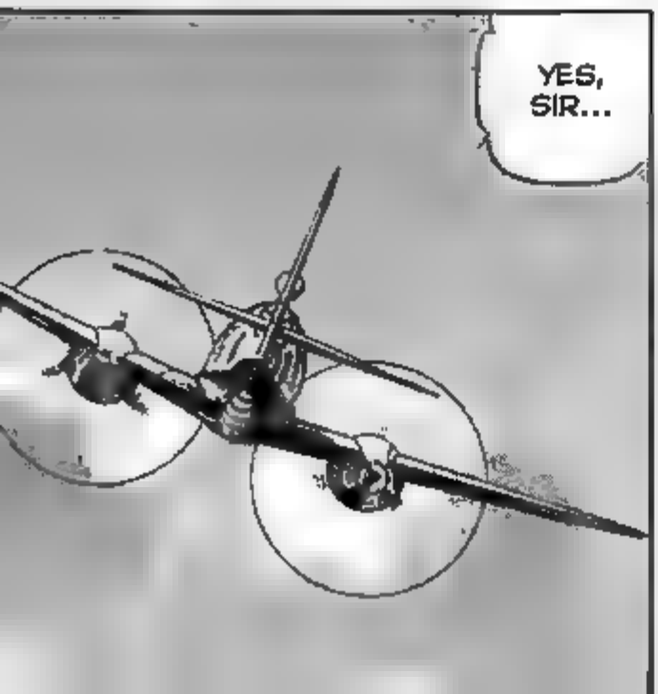
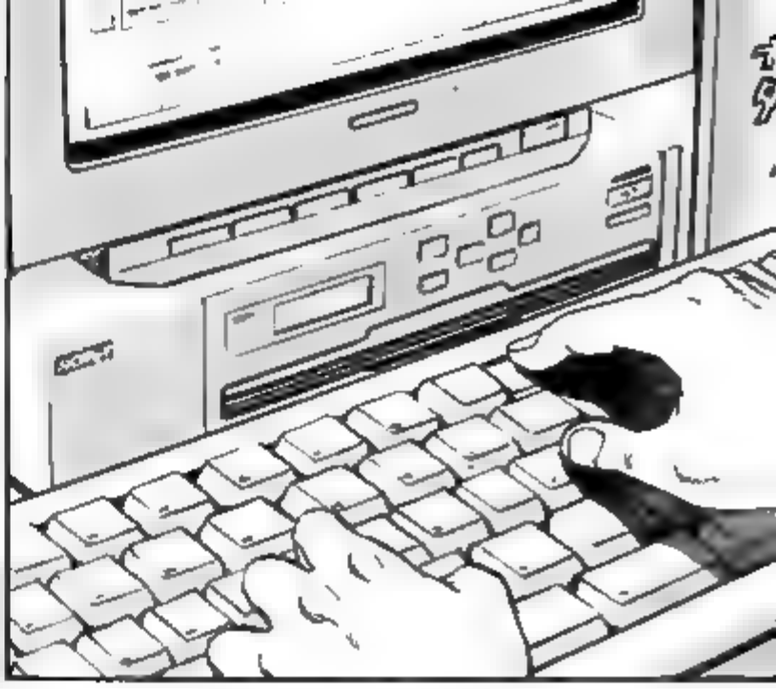


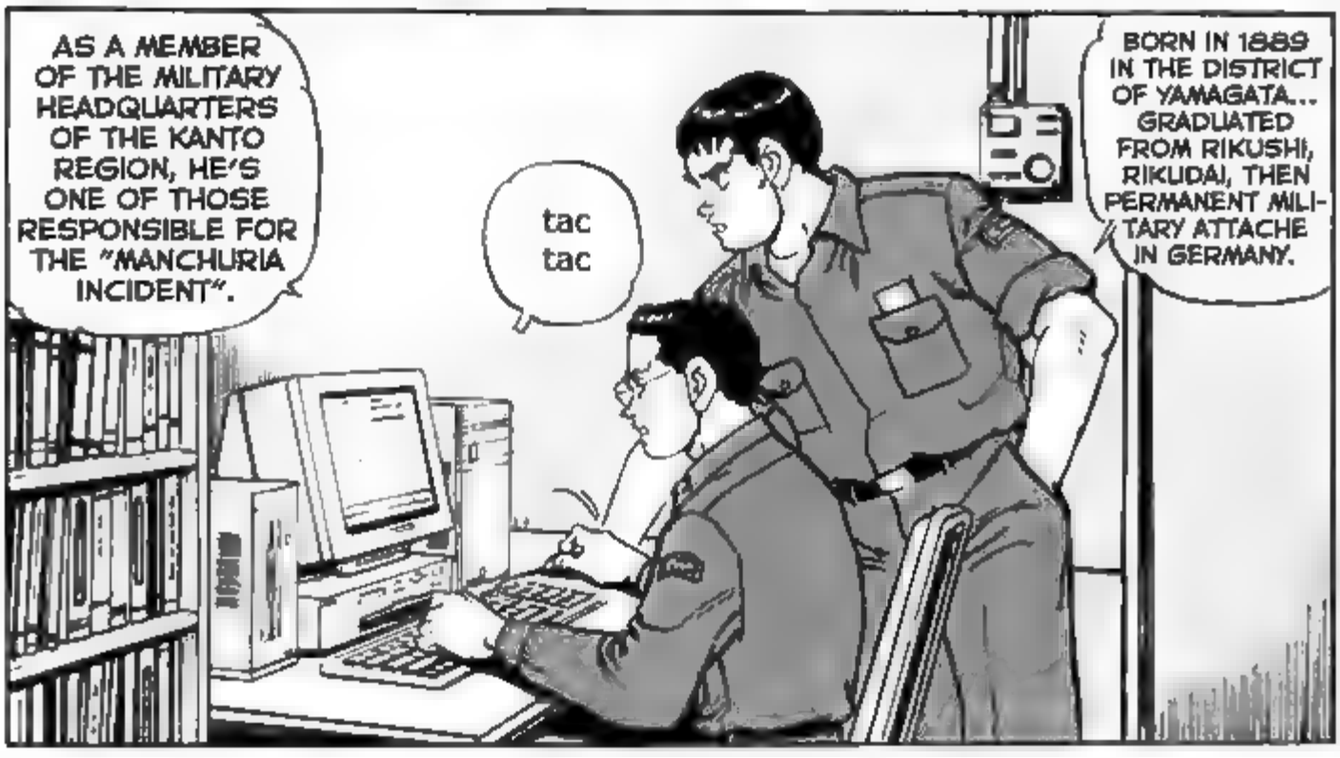

YES,
SIR...

THANKS,
LET'S GET
GOING.

KANJI

ISHIWARA




AS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF THE KANTO REGION, HE'S ONE OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "MANCHURIA INCIDENT".
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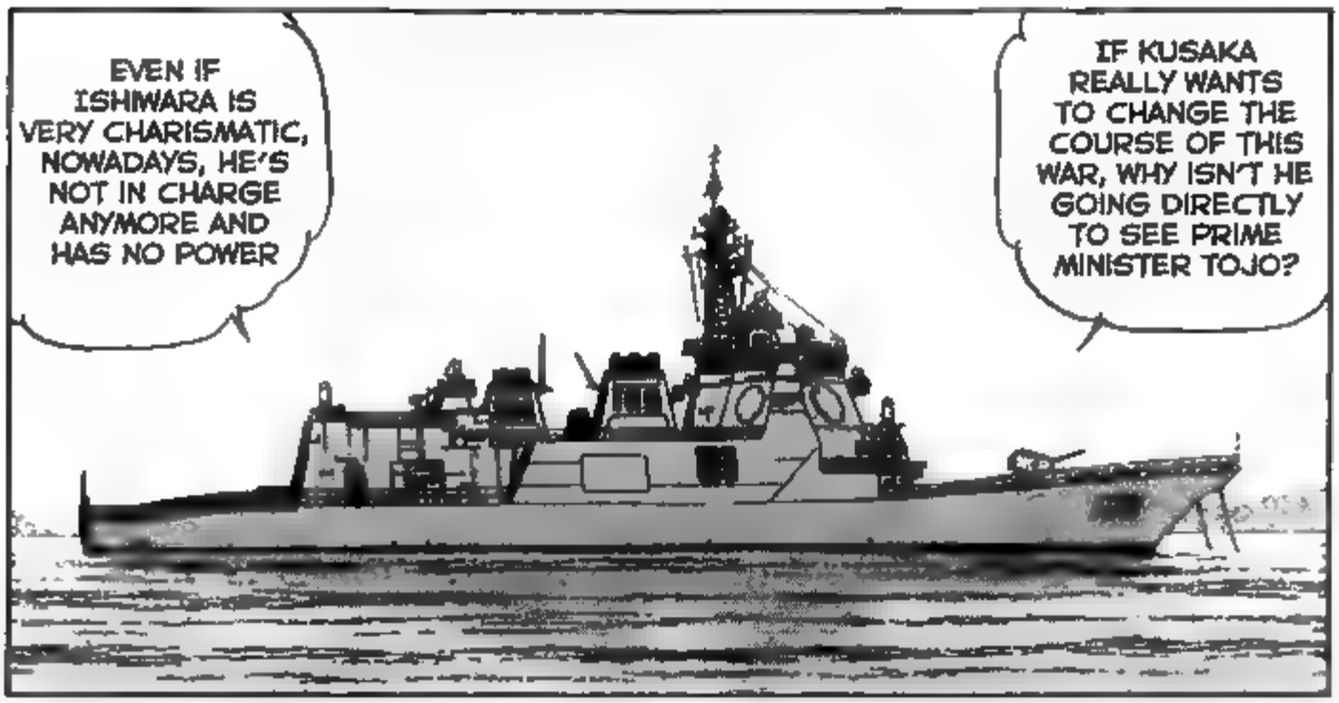
BORN IN 1889 IN THE DISTRICT OF YAMAGATA... GRADUATED FROM RIKUSHI, RIKUDAI, THEN PERMANENT MILITARY ATTACHE IN GERMANY.

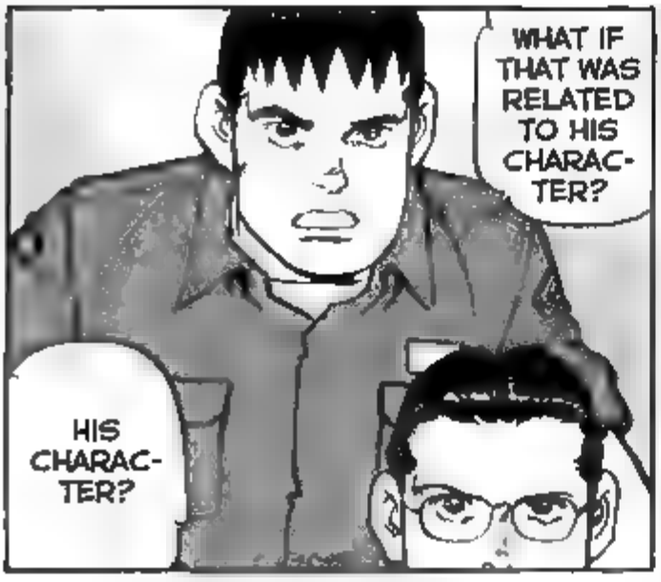
HE HAS DEVELOPPED A VISION OF THE WORLD AND A THINKING EXCEEDING WHAT A MERE SOLDIER COULD HAVE.
THE KOROSHA* OF THE MANCHURIA STATE...

* : The word korosha refers to someone giving great help.

SURPRISINGLY, HE ALREADY PREDICTED THE APPEARANCE OF THE "ATOM", WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT THE MILITARY BALANCE OF OUR OWN WORLD
STARTING WITH "ON FINAL WAR", IN WHICH HE EXPOUNDED ON THE CHANGING FORMS OF WARFARE DUE TO ADVANCES IN WEAPONRY...

AND IT'S THE BRAIN BEHIND THE DISASTER.
IT'S THE FACE OF A VERY INTELLIGENT MAN...
HE OPENLY DISAPPROVES HIDEKI TOJO IN THE ARMY... AND THAT GETS HIM ISOLATED.
HE'S SUPPORTING THE EGALITY PRINCIPLE AMONG DIFFERENT CULTURES AND DISAPPROVES THE EXTENSION OF FRONT LINES IN CHINA. HE WAS AGAINST A WAR WITH THE US.
STAFF OFFICERS ACTING ON THEIR OWN OFTENLY TAKE HIM AS AN EXAMPLE.
IT'S A DANGEROUS MAN...
... I DON'T KNOW...
BUT ...
HE'S A MAN OF ACTION, WITH RARE MILITARY THEORIES... YET HIS THINKING HAS MANY FOLLOWERS ...


EVEN IF ISHIWARA IS VERY CHARISMATIC, NOWADAYS, HE'S NOT IN CHARGE ANYMORE AND HAS NO POWER
IF KUSAKA REALLY WANTS TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF THIS WAR, WHY ISN'T HE GOING DIRECTLY TO SEE PRIME MINISTER TOJO?


WHAT IF THAT WAS RELATED TO HIS CHARAC-TER?
HIS CHARAC-TER?

HE'S AT THE OPPO-SITE OF TOJO.
FOR THE ARMY, HE BELONGS TO THE PAST AL-READY.

IT MIGHT NOT SEEM SO, BUT KUSAKA IS SHY AND RE-SERVED.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

!
CAPTAIN IN SECOND, GUNNER IN CHIEF AND NAVIGATOR IN CHIEF.
CAPTAIN UMEZU IS WAITING FOR YOU IN THE OFFICER'S MESS.
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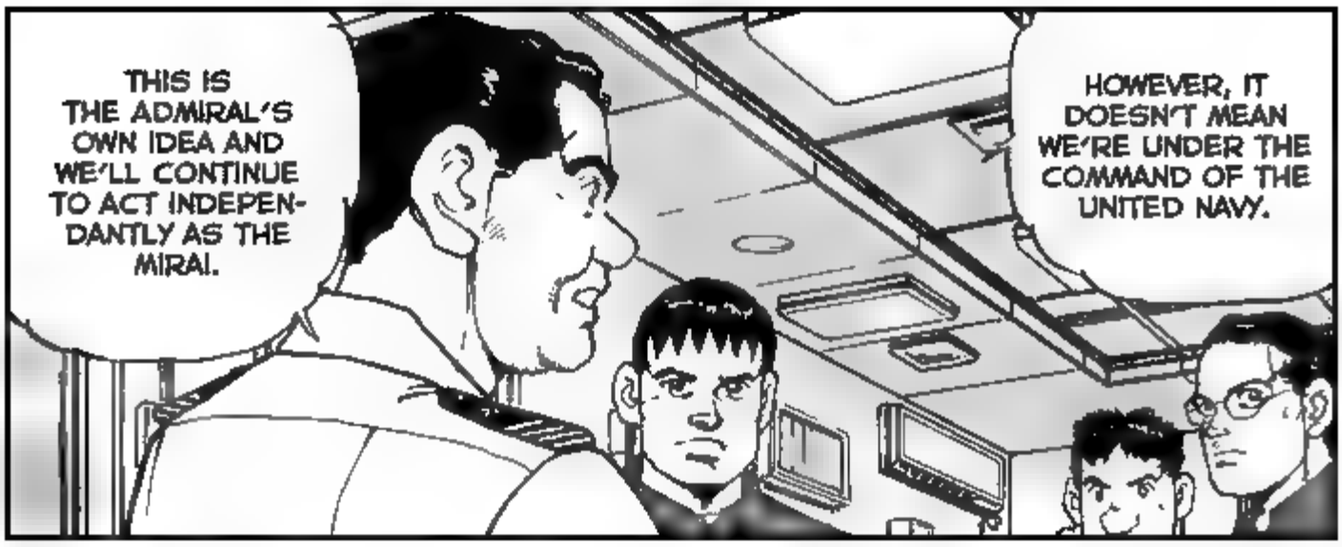
ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO MADE US AN OFFER.
AND I INTEND TO ACCEPT IT!!!

TO YOKOSUKA HARBOR!!
GOING BACK...


THIS IS THE ADMIRAL'S OWN IDEA AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACT INDEPENDANTLY AS THE MIRAI.
HOWEVER, IT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE UNITED NAVY.

BUT THE TIME HAS COME TO STOP RUNNING AWAY...
... AND TO ACCEPT THE REALITY AS IT IS.

DURING THESE LAST 2 MONTHS, OUR FEELINGS HAVE BEEN SHOCKINGLY HEAVY.

IN FACT, WE TRIED TO LOOK AT THE WORLD SURROUNDING US AS A MOVIE.

IF ...
... THE CREW'S SAFETY IS GUARANTEED, THEN...

WHAT DO YOU THINKING COMMANDER KUKICHI?

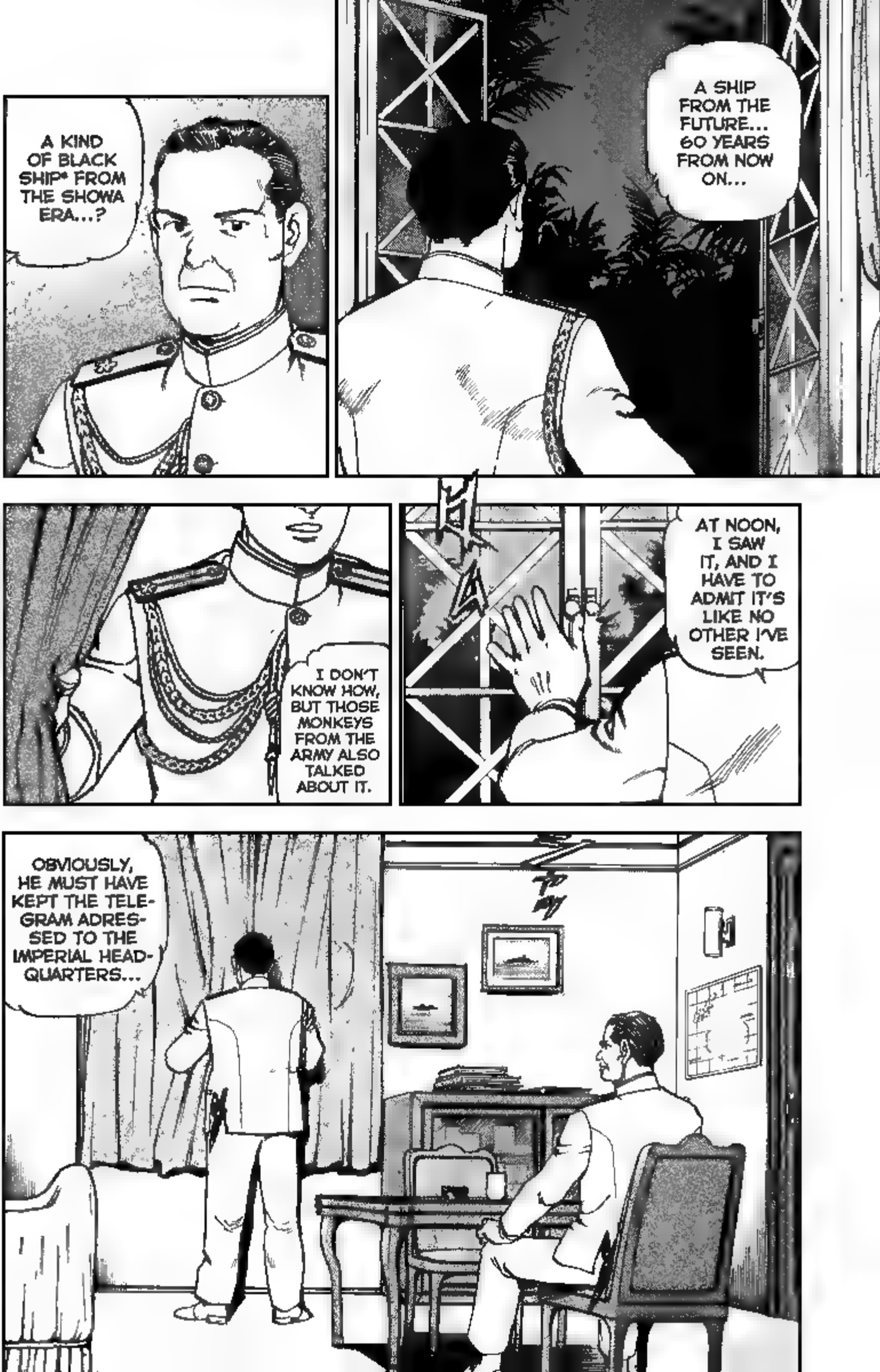
THANKS ...
MAYBE ON OUR WAY BACK TO YOKO-SUKA...
... WE'LL MEET THE SAME LOW PRESSURE AREAS.
... IT SEEMS YOU'RE TRUSTING ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO.
SO I'LL FOL-LOW YOUR DECISION.
WELL ...
CAP-TAIN IN SECOND ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY, THE GREAT EMPIRE HAS HIGH HOPES FOR YOU!
BECAUSE OF THE IMPOR-TANCE OF THE OPERA-TION...
TAKING BACK GUADALCANAL IS A DUTY WE HAVE TO FULFILL.
... AND I'LL DIRECT THE OPERATION.
I, MASANOBU TSUJI, WILL LAND WITH YOU...

ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE AFRAID OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS? EVEN THE CHINESE SOLDIERS ARE SAYING THEY ARE WEAK.
AGAINST OUR MIGHT, THEY'LL FLEE BEFORE FIGHTING!

WELL, WHATEVER, OUR DUTY IS TO GO THERE AND SAVE LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER OKAMURA...
... AND THE OTHER SOLDIERS FROM THE CAMPS.

THIS OFFICER IS LIVELY, BUT HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING...
AGAINST US, THERE'S A GIGANTIC ARMY, ARMED WITH TANKS.


A KIND OF BLACK SHIP* FROM THE SHOWA ERA...?
A SHIP FROM THE FUTURE... 60 YEARS FROM NOW ON...
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT THOSE MONKEYS FROM THE ARMY ALSO TALKED ABOUT IT.
AT NOON, I SAW IT, AND I HAVE TO ADMIT IT'S LIKE NO OTHER I'VE SEEN.
OBVIOUSLY, HE MUST HAVE KEPT THE TELEGRAM ADRESSED TO THE IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS...

YOU KNOW IT BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE, ADMIRAL UGAKI.
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO JAPAN IF A SHIP CONVEYING THIS KIND OF NEWS IS TO ENTER YOKO-SUKA HARBOR?
IN 3 YEARS, JAPAN WILL ACCEPT AN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER AND THE IMPERIAL NAVY WILL DISAPPEAR ...
OR MINI-STER SHIM-ADA?
FROM WHOM ARE YOU TAKING YOUR ORDERS? THE CHIEF OF MILI-TARY SERVI-CES, OKA?
I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYTHING ELSE.
ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO MUST HAVE HAD TOO MUCH SEA AIR AT TRUK.
I CAN'T LET YOU TALK ABOUT THE ADMIRAL LIKE THAT!
COM-MANDER TAKI...

IT'S THE ONLY WISH OF THE NAVY OF THE GREAT EMPIRE OF JAPAN.
YOKOSUKA IS ABOUT 1,900 MILES AWAY FROM TRUK.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU SUGGES-TING?
YOU INTEND TO SINK IT...?

WHAT YOU'LL NEED IS THE ENTIRE FLEET!
YOU SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT THE POWER OF THAT SHIP, BUT...
PFFF !!!
... YOU'LL NEED SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE YAMATO !!!
... IN ORDER TO FACE IT AND SINK IT...
YOKO-SUKA!!!
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THE SEA WILL ALWAYS BE THE SEA...
WE'RE GOING HOME ...!
EVEN IF IT'S YOKOSUKA 60 YEARS IN THE PAST...
ARE YOU FORGET-TING WHO OUR ENNE-MIES ARE?
THE AME-RICAN ARMED FORCES ...

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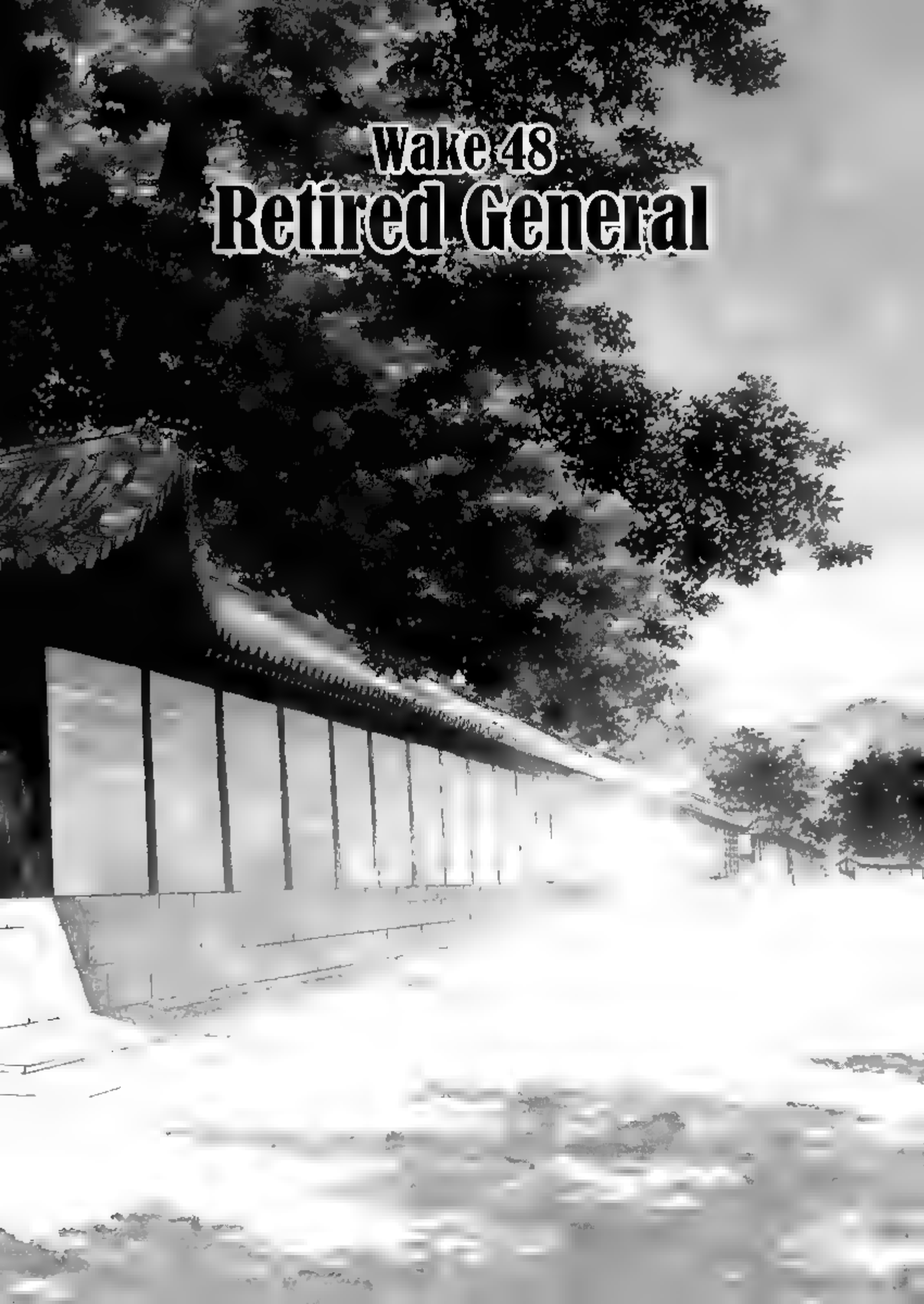
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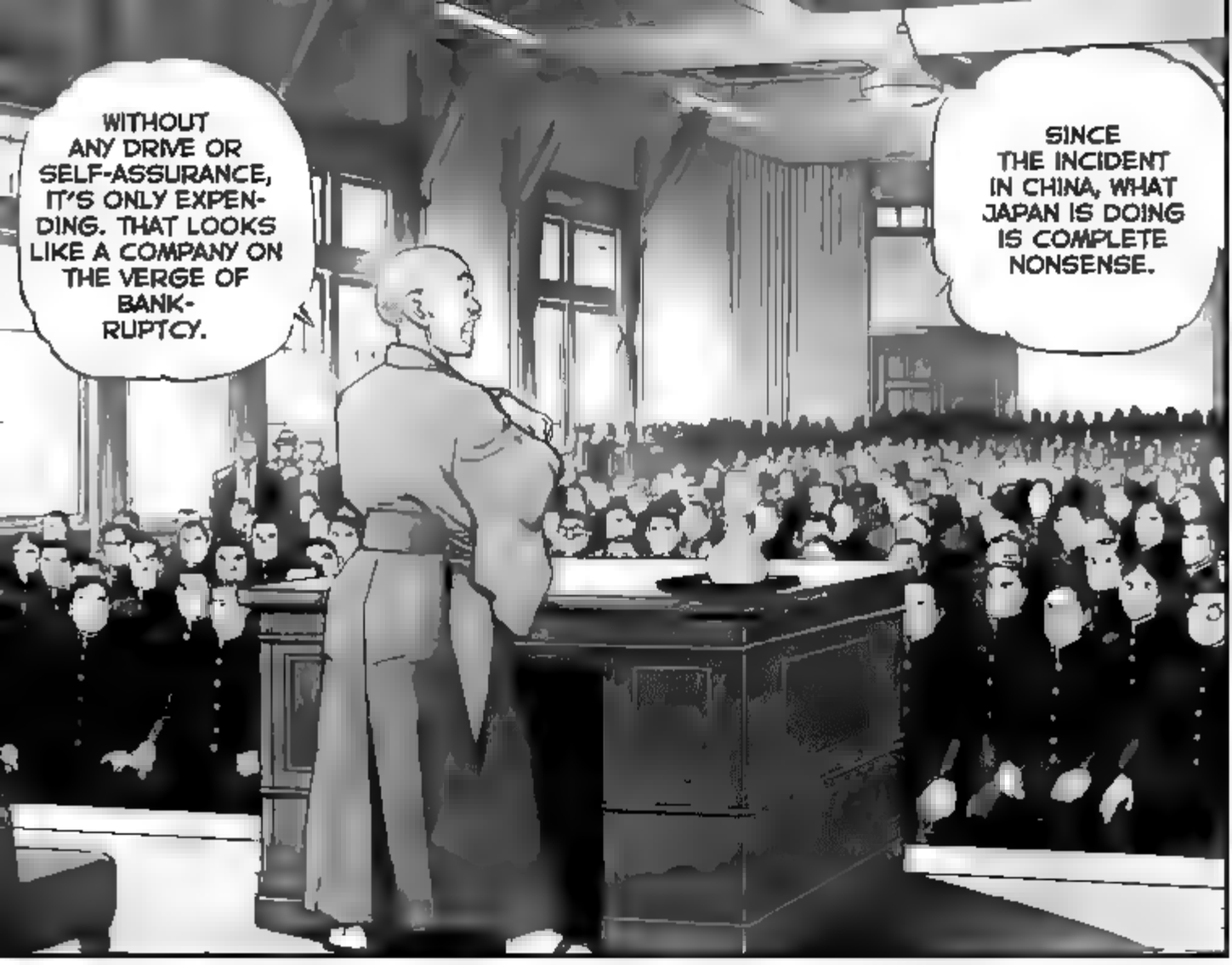
IF THERE'S NO CHANGE, JAPAN WILL LOSE.

FOR US, OUR SPENDING IS ONLY ABOUT 100 YEN, SO WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT CLEARLY, BUT ...

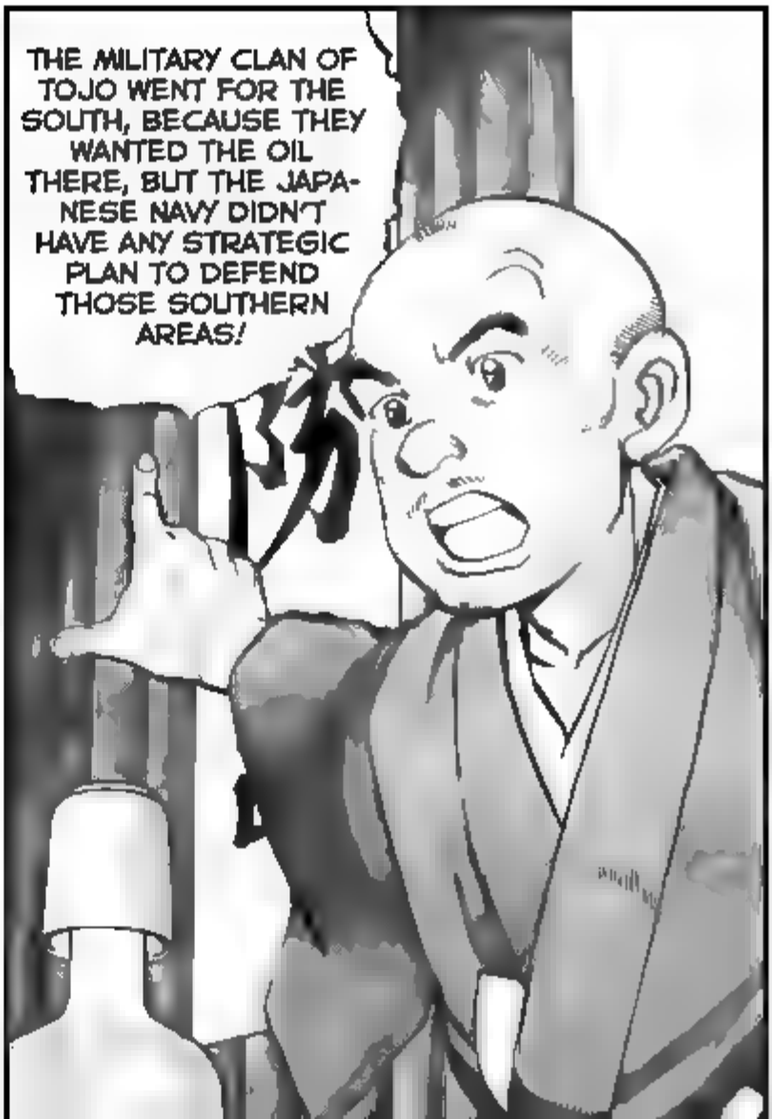
國防論
JAPAN, THAT ONLY HAS 1,000 YEN IN ITS POCKET, TRIES TO BUY THINGS FOR 10,000 YEN AND AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S MAKING WAR...
... TO THE US, WHO COULD BUY THE SAME THINGS BUT WITH 100 TIMES MORE MONEY.

... WHEN WE WON'T HAVE ANY MONEY LEFT, THE DEFEAT WILL BE UNAVOIDABLE.


WITHOUT ANY DRIVE OR SELF-ASSURANCE, IT'S ONLY EXPENDING. THAT LOOKS LIKE A COMPANY ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY.
SINCE THE INCIDENT IN CHINA, WHAT JAPAN IS DOING IS COMPLETE NONSENSE.

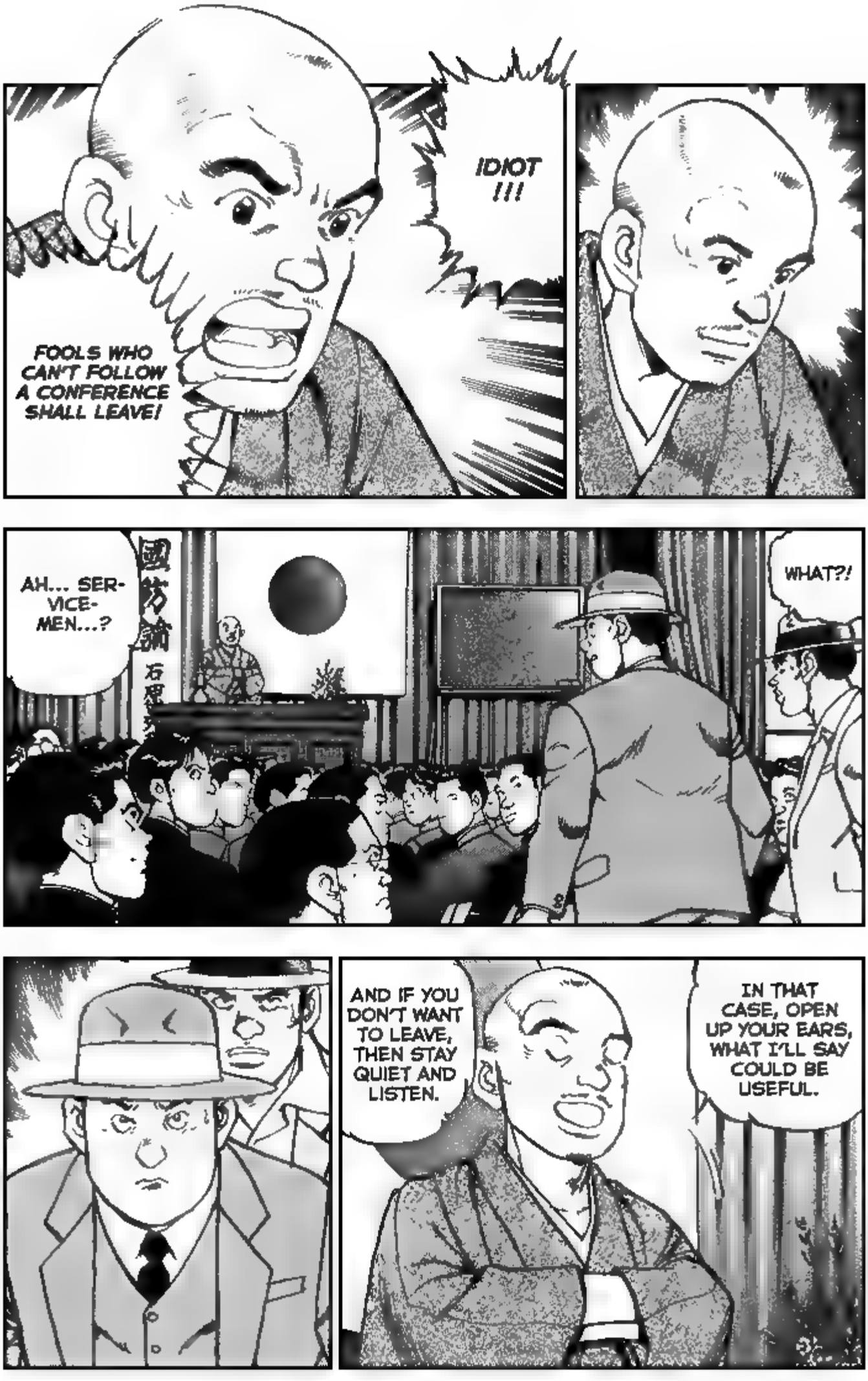
"TO THE SOUTH!", "TO THE NORTH!", "IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA!", IF WE SPREAD OUR ARMED FORCES EVERYWHERE, THERE WON'T BE ANYONE LEFT HERE!

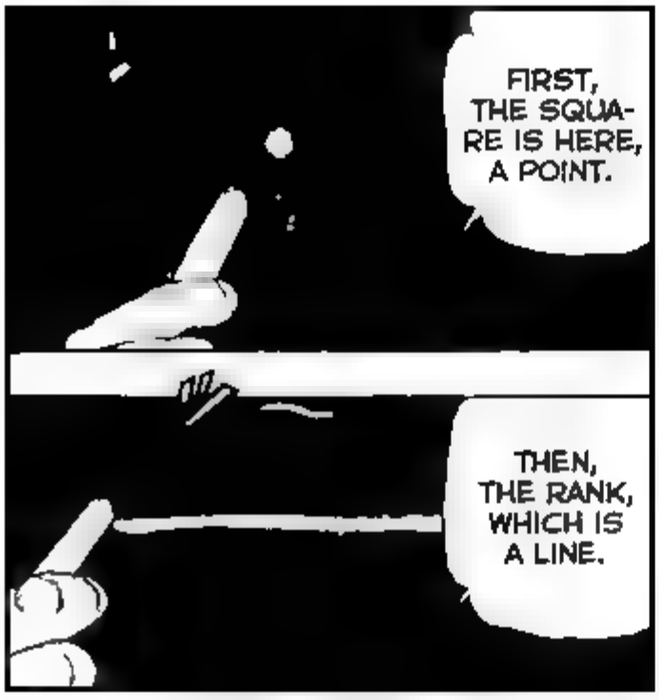
LET'S CONTINUE LIKE THAT AND JAPAN WON'T HAVE ANY SHIPS LEFT ...


THE MILITARY CLAN OF TOJO WENT FOR THE SOUTH, BECAUSE THEY WANTED THE OIL THERE, BUT THE JAPANESE NAVY DIDN'T HAVE ANY STRATEGIC PLAN TO DEFEND THOSE SOUTHERN AREAS!

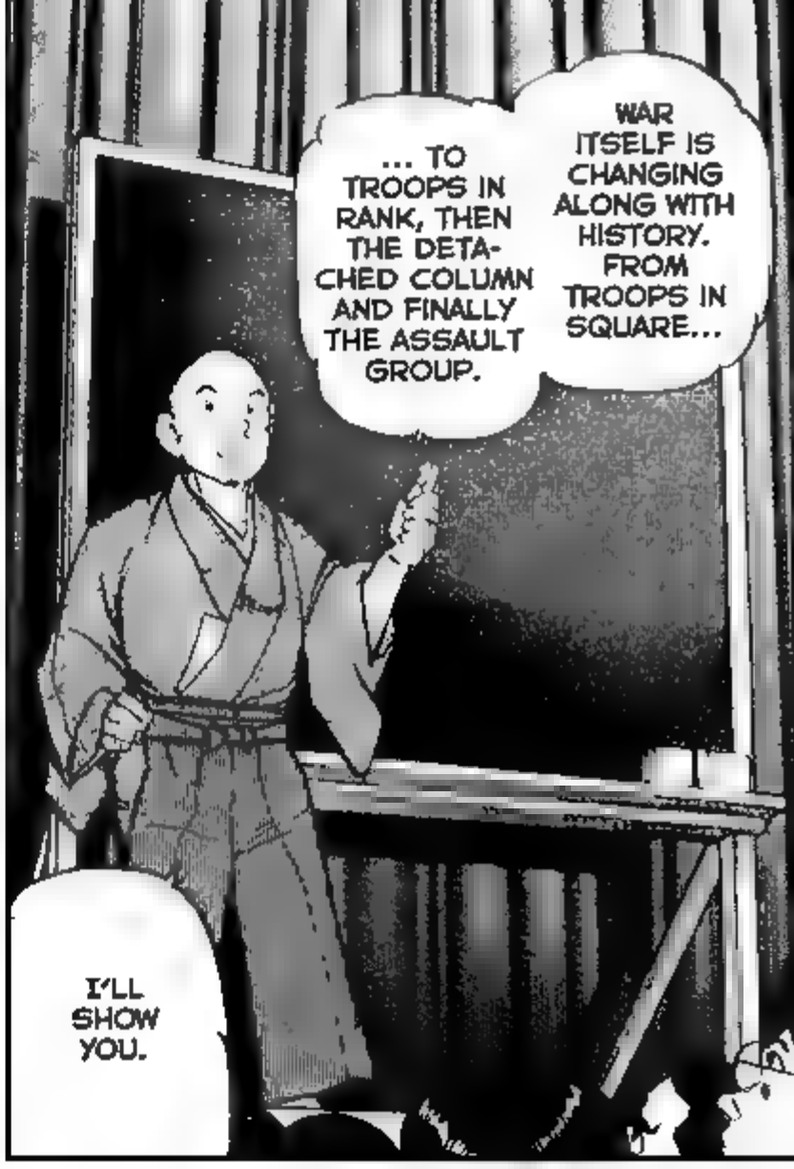
THE BIG CITIES IN JAPAN WILL BE LIKE MY HEAD...
SHAVED OFF!!!

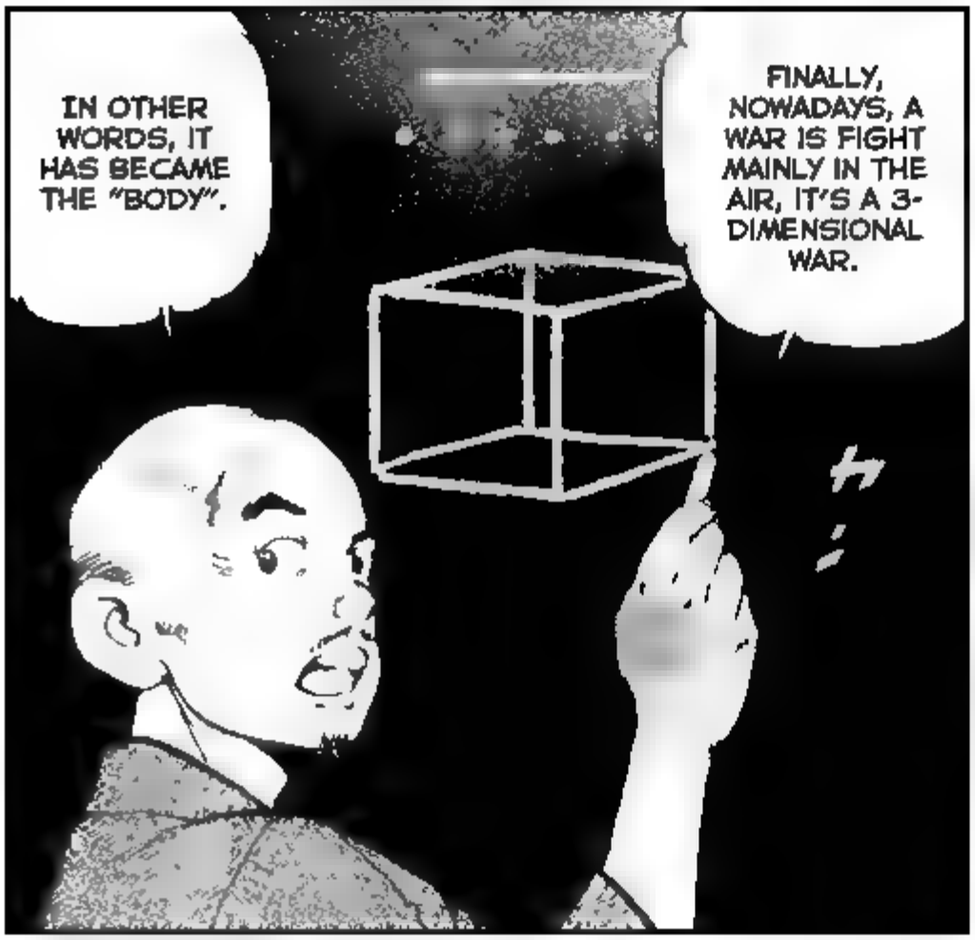
ENOUGH OF THIS FARCE!!
YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR!!!

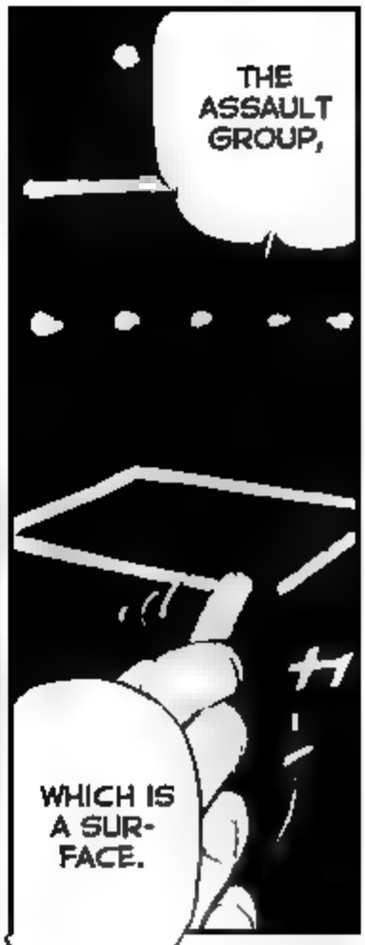

IDIOT !!!
FOOLS WHO CAN'T FOLLOW A CONFERENCE SHALL LEAVE!
AH... SER-VICE-MEN...?
國防論
WHAT?!
AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE, THEN STAY QUIET AND LISTEN.
IN THAT CASE, OPEN UP YOUR EARS, WHAT I'LL SAY COULD BE USEFUL.


FIRST, THE SQUARE IS HERE, A POINT.
THEN, THE RANK, WHICH IS A LINE.

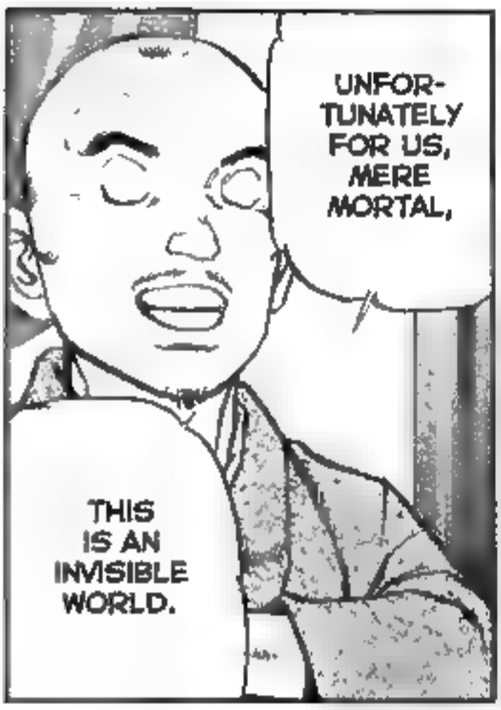
THE DETACHED COLUMN, WHICH IS A DOTTED LINE.


I'LL SHOW YOU.
... TO TROOPS IN RANK, THEN THE DETACHED COLUMN AND FINALLY THE ASSAULT GROUP.
WAR ITSELF IS CHANGING ALONG WITH HISTORY. FROM TROOPS IN SQUARE...


IN OTHER WORDS, IT HAS BECAME THE "BODY".
FINALLY, NOWADAYS, A WAR IS FIGHT MAINLY IN THE AIR, IT'S A 3-DIMENSIONAL WAR.

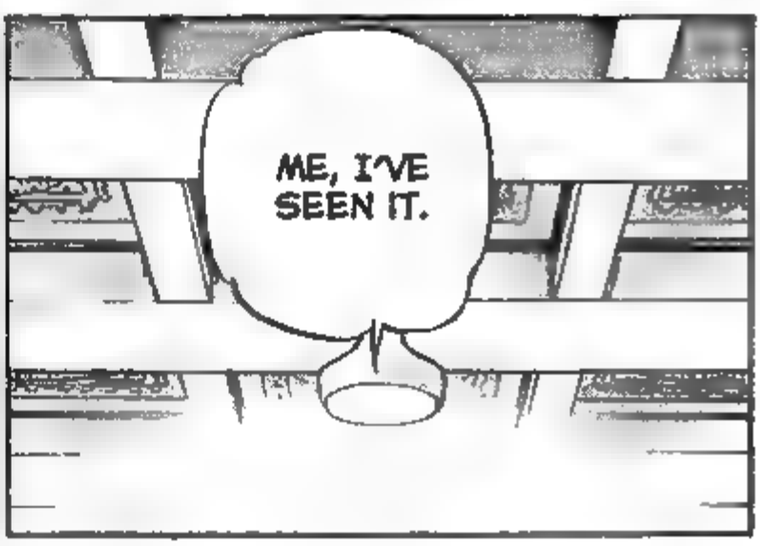

THE ASSAULT GROUP,
WHICH IS A SURFACE.

AND THAT'S THE LAST FORM OF WAR MANKIND WILL COME UP WITH.
AIRCRAFTS ARE CENTRAL IN THE ATTACK AND DEFENSE SYSTEMS. IN OTHER WORDS, VICTORY BELONGS TO THE ONE CONTROLLING THE SKY.


UNFORTUNATELY FOR US, MERE MORTAL,
THIS IS AN INVISIBLE WORLD.

HA! HA! HA!

BUT WHAT ABOUT A 4-DIMENSIONAL WORLD?
IF IT WAS TO EXIST, IT WOULD BE A WORLD WHERE SPIRITS OF GHOSTS COULD APPEAR


ME, I'VE SEEN IT.

PROFESSOR ISHIWARA, YOU'RE VERY REPUTED FOR YOUR PREDICTIONS. BUT I EASILY OUTDO YOU.
ME, I'VE EXPERIENCED THE FUTURE.

ONE SAYS THIS 4TH DIMENSION IS THE AXIS OF TIME.
AND I HAVE IT IN ME.

WHAT IS THIS GUY SAYING ...?
HE'S CRAZY OR WHAT?

PROFESSOR, THIS ULTIMATE WEAPON YOU PREDICT...
THE UNITED STATED WILL COMPLETE IT IN 2 YEARS AND 11 MONTHS.
AND YOU'RE RIGHT.
THIS WEAPON WILL END THE WARS BETWEEN COUN-TRIES
I EXPECTED THE NAZI GER-MANY BUT...
... HITLER STOPS ITS DEVELOPMENT WHEN HE REALIZES HE WON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME.

AND THE FIRST PLACE WHERE ITS INFERNAL FLAMES WILL BURN...
ITALY AND GERMANY WILL SURRENDER BEFORE ITS COMPLETION.

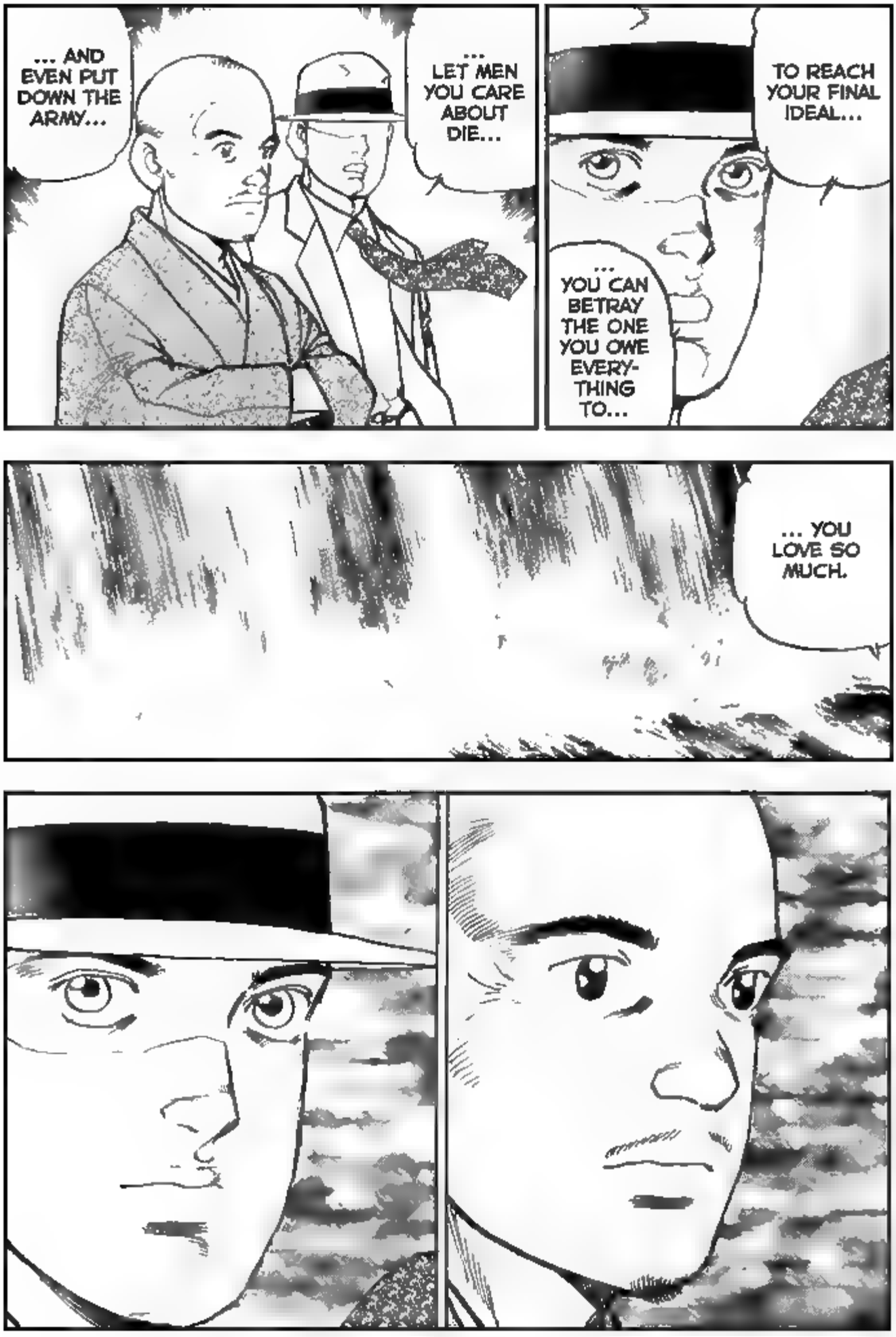
THIS IS NOT USUAL AMONG THE SERVICEMEN OF THIS COUNTRY ...
YOU AREN'T CRAZY, RIGHT?
STOP!!!
THE CONFE-RENCE IS CANCELLED !!!

WE'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU!
HEY YOU! YOU'RE SUSPICIOUS, YOU'RE COMING WITH US!!
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO CANCEL MY CONFERENCE BECAUSE WHAT I SAY DOESN'T BENEFIT THE INTERESTS OF JAPAN...
... THEN I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE SOMETHING MORE USEFUL TO PROPOSE.
YOU WILL CANCEL MY CONFE-RENCE?
OF COURSE! THIS KIND OF CONFERENCE, CRITICIZING THE MILITARY SYSTEM, IT CAN'T BRING ANYTHING GOOD!
WHA... WHAT?

TOJO'S SERVANTS !!!
THE PODIUM IS YOURS! TAKE MY PLACE!
THEY'RE ALWAYS HERE TO MESS WITH OUR CONFE-RENCES!
WE'RE READY TO LISTEN TO A SPEECH ON "HOW TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE COUN-TRY"!
WHAT WILL YOU SAY?!
COME ON! LET'S HEAR IT!
GO AHEAD! LET US HEAR WHAT YOU SUGGEST!!!
WE'RE FED UP WITH THAT!

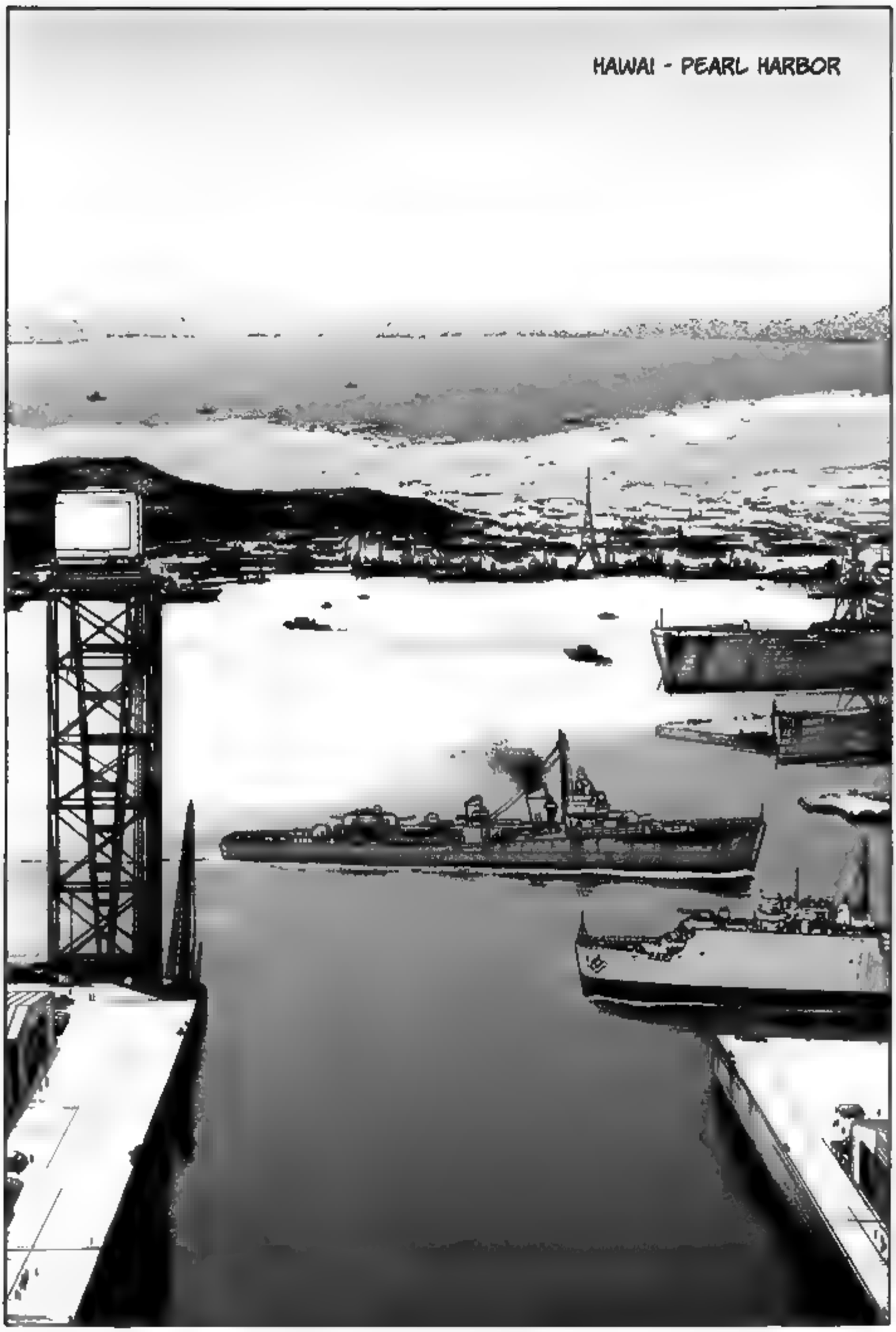
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
!!
SO, YOU'VE BEEN PUT ASIDE AS WELL...
TAKUMI KUSAKA, FORMER LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER OF THE IMPERIAL NAVY.
國防論
I'VE BEEN ABOARD A SHIP.
TELL ME, MISTER KUSAKA, YOU SAID YOU HAD EXPERIENCED THE FUTURE ...?

WELL, WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
AH...
REALLY? FRIEND OR FOE, HE KILLS WITHOUT ANY SQUALMS...
IF YOU NEED POWER, TOJO DEFINITELY HAS MORE POWER THAN ME.
TOJO... HE'S WEAK ...
... KILLING A MILLION OF YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS...
YOU, IF YOU DON'T SEE THEIR FACE, IF YOU DON'T KNOW THEM, YOU'RE CAPABLE OF...


... AND EVEN PUT DOWN THE ARMY...
... LET MEN YOU CARE ABOUT DIE...
TO REACH YOUR FINAL IDEAL...
... YOU CAN BETRAY THE ONE YOU OWE EVERY-THING TO...
... YOU LOVE SO MUCH.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE...
... A JAPANESE MAN FROM 60 YEARS IN THE FUTURE WILL COME TO ME.

HA! HA! HA! DON'T OVERESTIMATE ME!!!
I'M JUST A MERE RESERVE OFFICER WITHOUT ANY POWER!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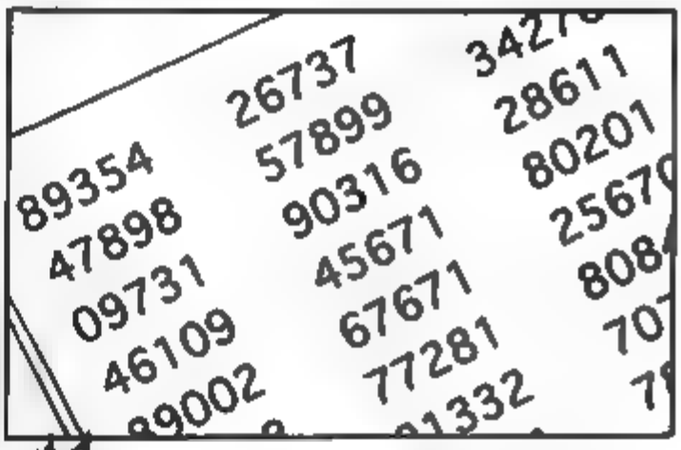
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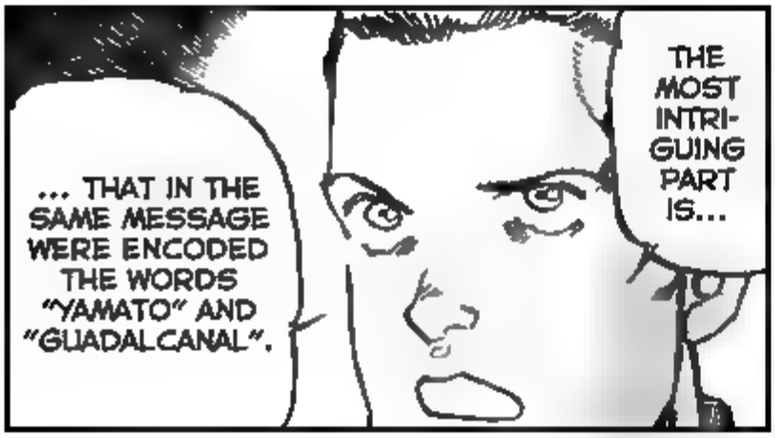
SOMETHING'S STRANGE WITH THE LAST MESSAGES FROM THE JAPANESE NAVY IN TRUK ...

CAPTAIN!!!
YES?

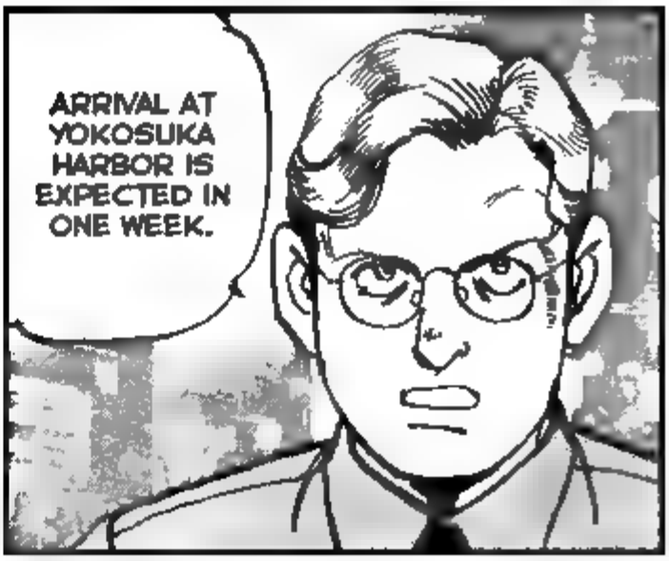
"CX"?
THERE'S A SIGNAL "CX" THAT APPEARED. FROM THE CONTEXT, IT SEEMS TO REFER TO A SHIP.


... THAT IN THE SAME MESSAGE WERE ENCODED THE WORDS "YAMATO" AND "GUADALCANAL".
THE MOST INTRI-GUING PART IS...

THIS IS SOMETHING WE NEVER SAW BE-FORE.
A NEW KIND OF SHIP?

CAPTAIN, THE TRANS-CRIPTION OF THE LAST ENCODED MESSAGE HAS JUST ARRIVED!!
SO THIS SHIP MIGHT BE IMPOR-TANT...?

CX IS LEAVING TRUK HARBOR THIS EVENING AT 6PM...!!


ARRIVAL AT YOKOSUKA HARBOR IS EXPECTED IN ONE WEEK.

COMMUNICATE A MESSAGE OF VIGILANCE TO ALL UNITS.

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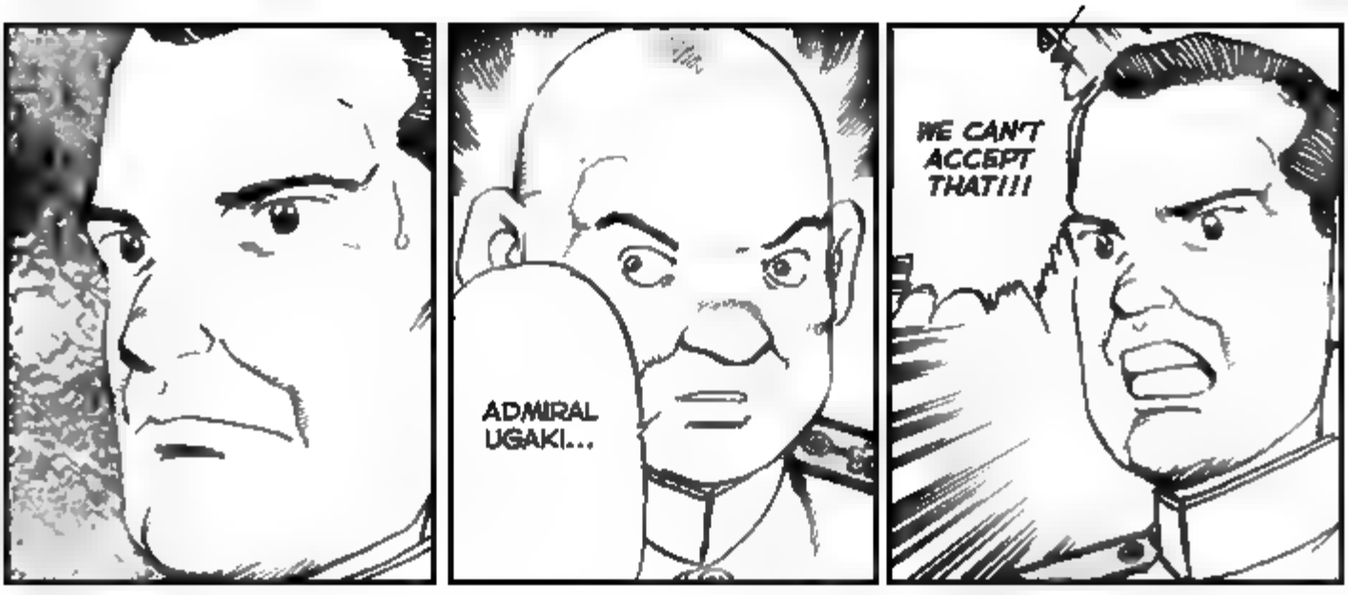
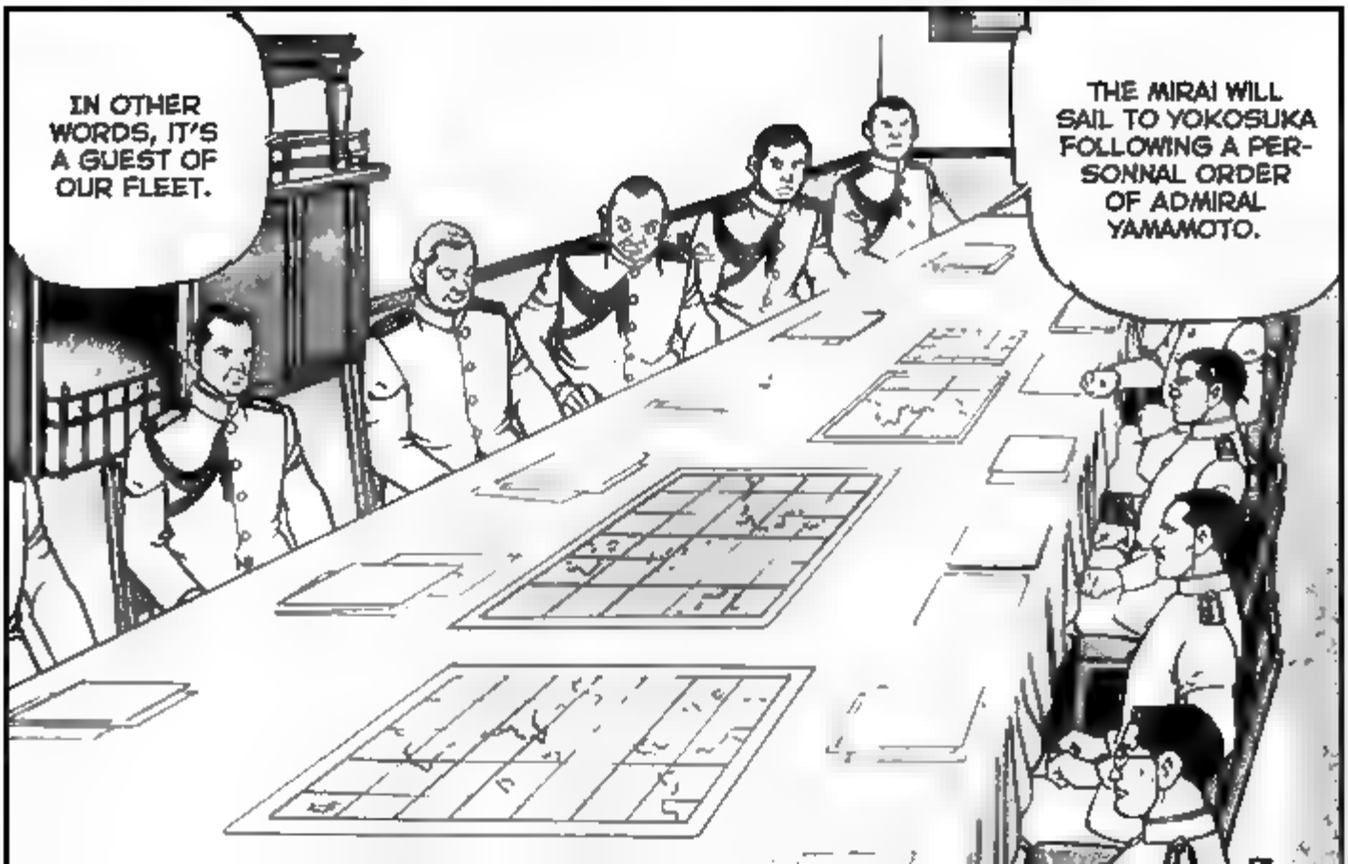
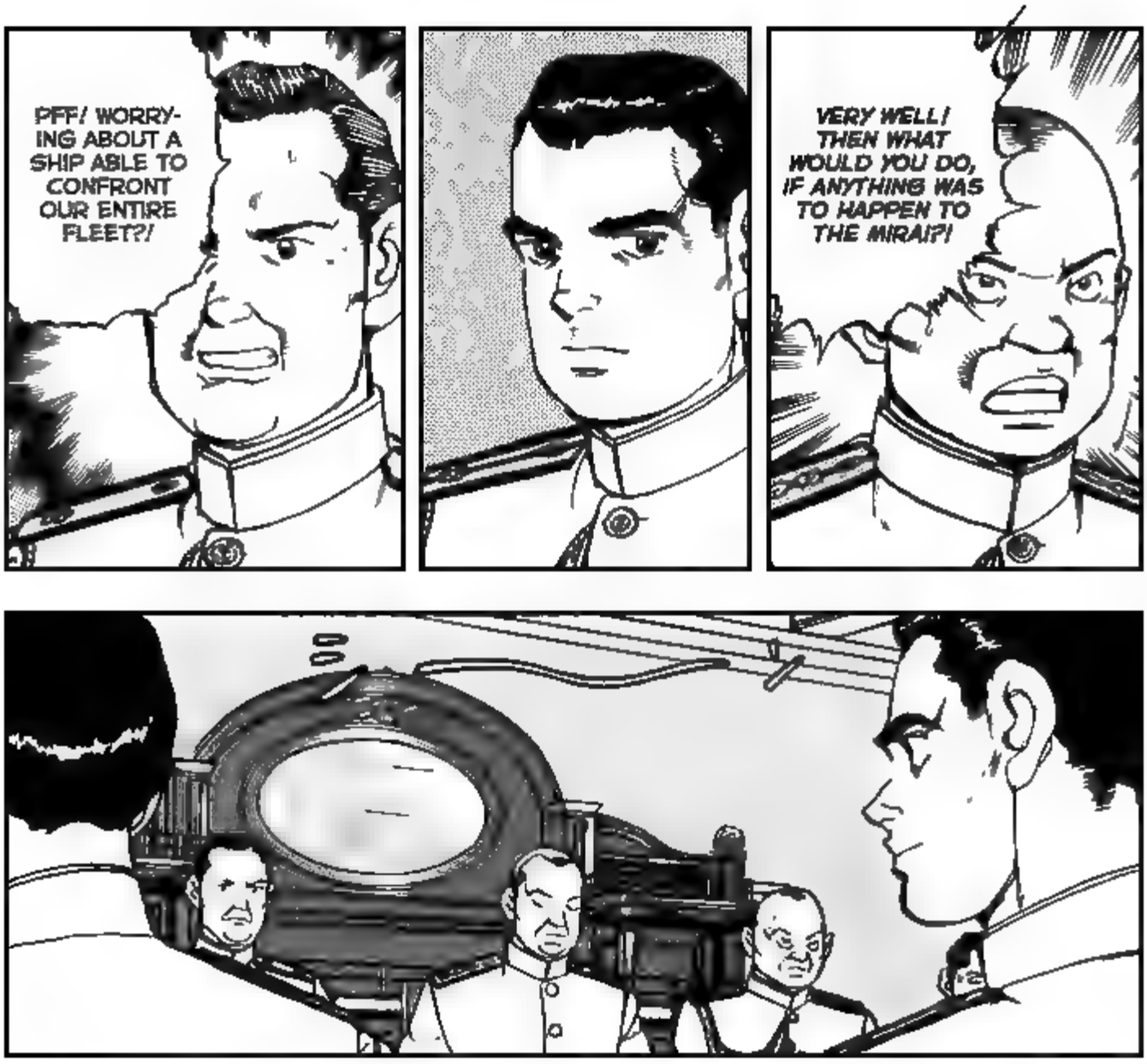
THE OTHER STAFF HEADQUARTERS

YOU'RE WILLING TO APPOINT TWO OF OUR SHIPS, HATSU-KAZE AND YUKIKAZE, AS A PROTECTION DETAIL FOR THE MIRAI UNTIL IT REACHES YOKOSUKA HARBOR?!


ADMIRAL UGAKI...
WE CAN'T ACCEPT THAT!!!


IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S A GUEST OF OUR FLEET.
THE MIRAI WILL SAIL TO YOKOSUKA FOLLOWING A PER-SONNAL ORDER OF ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO.

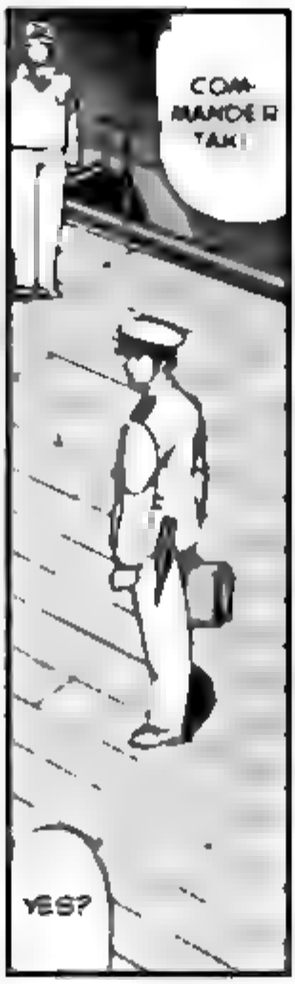
RIGHT NOW, THE IMPERIAL NAVY HAS TO GATHER ALL ITS FORCES...
TO DEFEAT THE AMERICAN FLEET GOING TOWARDS GUADALCANAL!!!
AND YOU'D LIKE TO SEND IT 1900 MILES AWAY FROM HERE WITHOUT ANY ESCORT?
AREN'T YOU FORGETTING THE POLITENESS?
I DOUBT POLITENESS HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, CAPTAIN KUROSHIMA!
ADMIRAL, THE MIRAI IS NO ORDINARY CRUISER.
LET'S GET OUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT.
THE FATE OF JAPAN RESTS UPON US, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GET SCATTERED...
IT'S JUST FOOLISH!!!
THE SOLOMON ISLANDS IS THE DECISIVE BATTLE OUR NAVY HAS BEEN WAITING FOR FOR MANY YEARS NOW!!
HOW COULD WE EVEN THINK OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SCATTERING RIGHT BEFORE THE OPERATION?!


PFF! WORRYING ABOUT A SHIP ABLE TO CONFRONT OUR ENTIRE FLEET?!
VERY WELL! THEN WHAT WOULD YOU DO, IF ANYTHING WAS TO HAPPEN TO THE MIRAI?!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LET IT NAVIGATE ALONE THEN I HAVE AN IDEA.

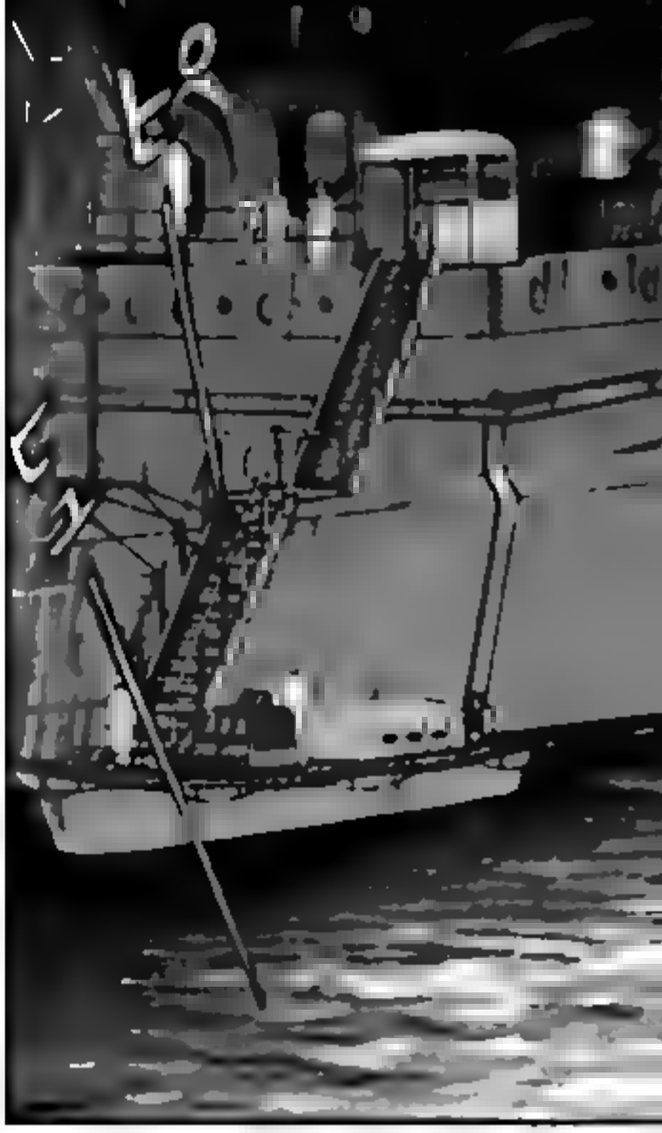
IN TERMS OF SPEED, AN IGO COULD MATCH IT.
IT HAS A SONAR, AND IT'S IDEAL TO PATROL.
THE 7TH SUBMARINE FLEET IS IN THE PROCESS OF AN OFFENSIVE PREPARATION.
WE COULD ASSIGN A SUBMARINE TO THE MIRAI.
SENDING A SUBMARINE?

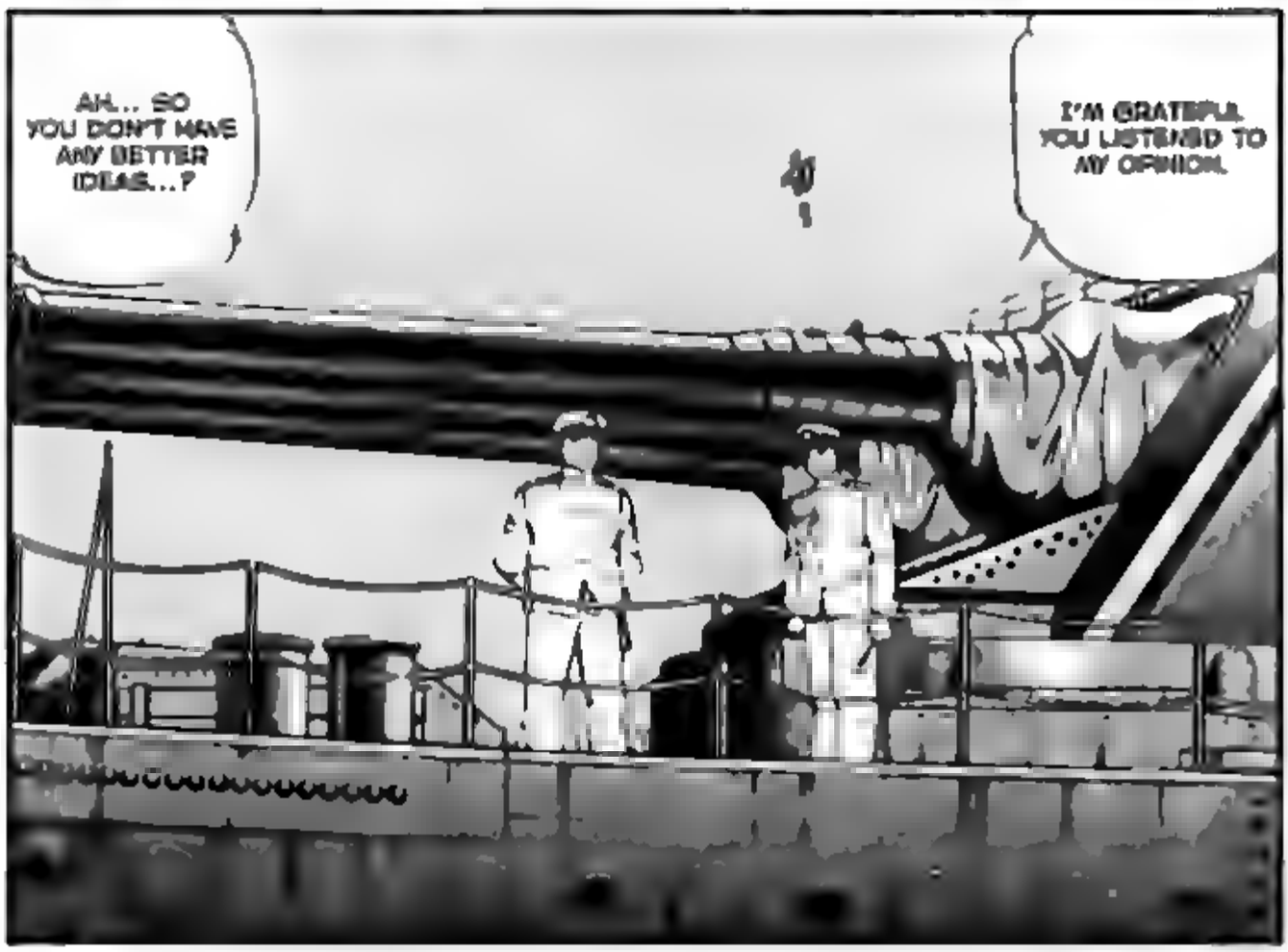
...I COULD GET ONBOARD OF IT.
IF THAT COULD REASSURE YOU...

ADMIRAL!!!

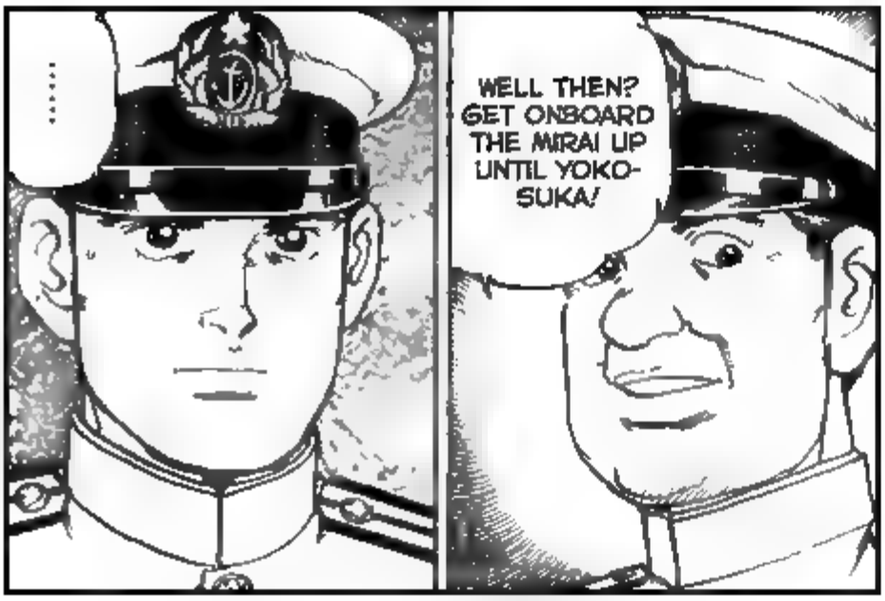

COMMANDER TAKI
YES?

CAN I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?




AH... SO YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BETTER IDEAS...?
I'M GRATEFUL YOU LISTENED TO MY OPINION.

YES...
THERE'S ALREADY LIEUTENANT TSUDA, YOU KNOW.
DON'T YOU WANT TO GET ONBOARD OF THIS SHIP?


.....
WELL THEN? GET ONBOARD THE MIRAI UP UNTIL YOKO-SUKA!

PERSON-NALLY, IT'S OBVIOUS I'D LIKE TO BUT...

I SEE...

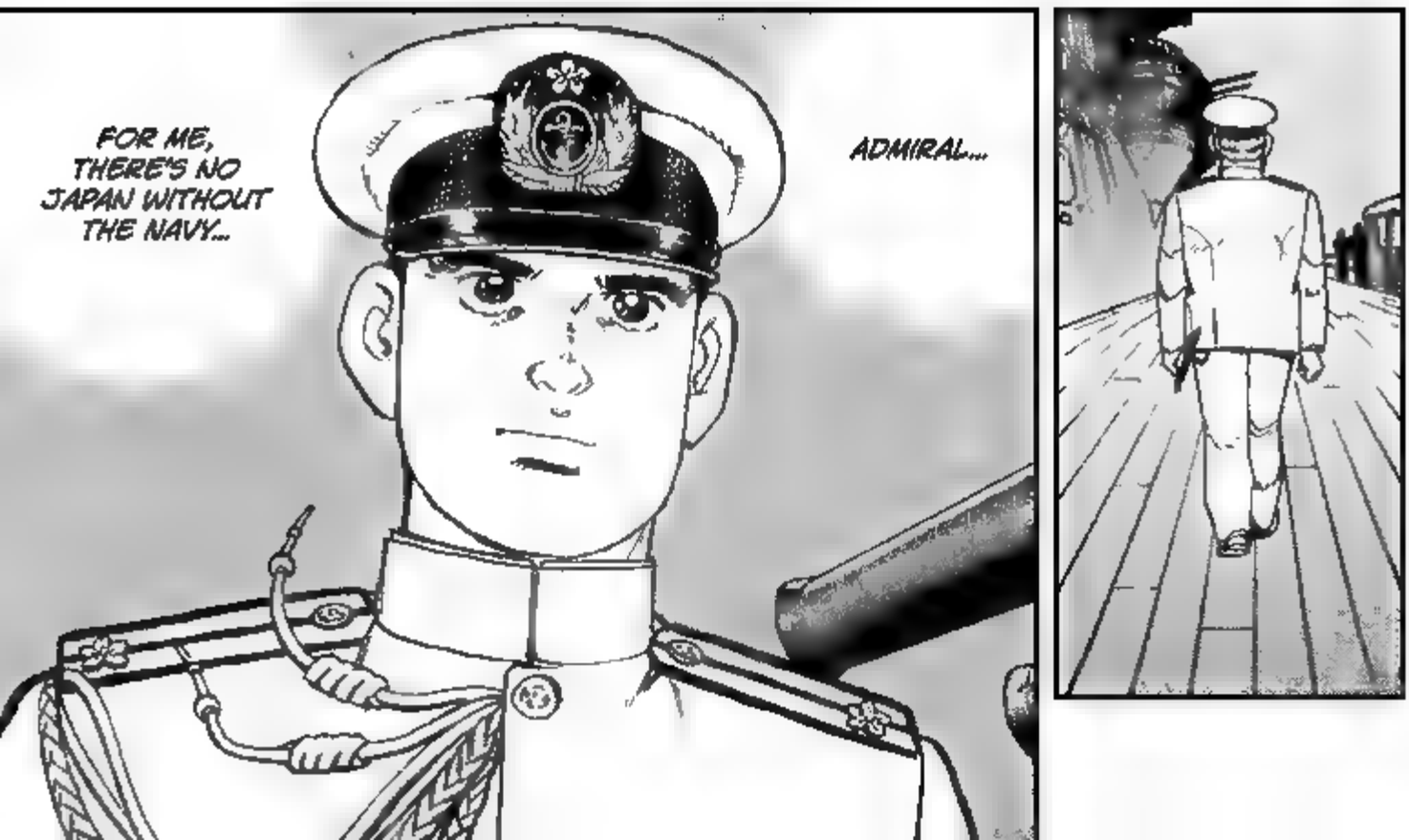
...AS A STAFF OFFICER, GET-TING ONBOARD SEEMS OUT OF PLACE.
HOWEVER, SINCE IT HAS NO WILL OF RALLYING THE IMPERIAL NAVY...

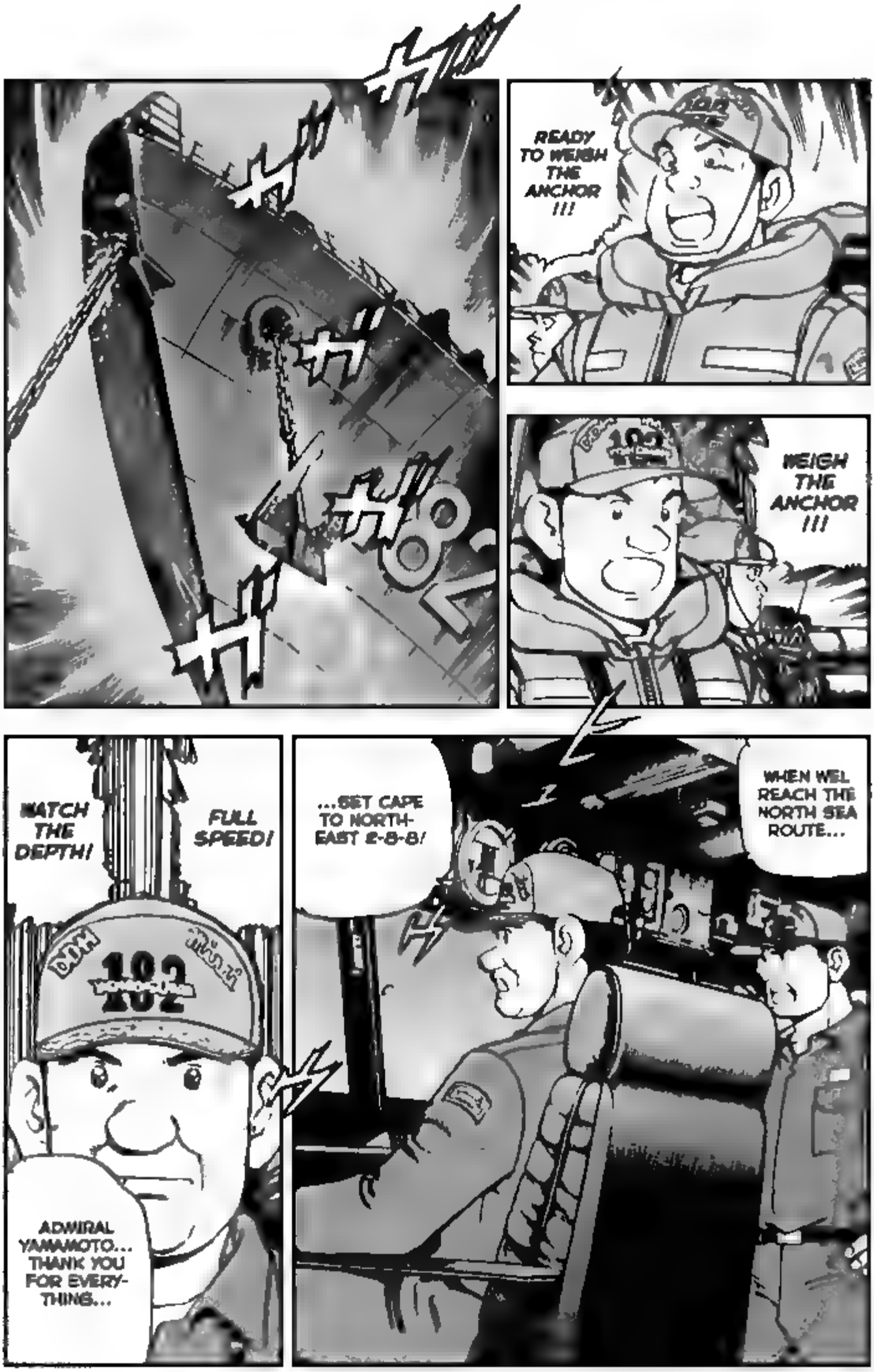
KNOWLEDGES THAT COUD GIVE THE NAVY AND JAPAN A GREAT POWER.
THIS SHIP HAS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF POWER.
IT ALSO HAS 60 YEARS OF ACCUMULATED KNOWLEDGES.
IT'S A NEW JAPAN YOUR PROTECTING TAKI, THE RESPON-SIBILITY IS HIGH!
I CLEARLY UNDER-STAND IT.

BY THE WAY, IT SEEMS KUSAKA IS ALIVE, AND MORE THAT THAT HE HAS ESCAPED FROM HERE.
IF I RECALL IT CORRECTLY, YOU WERE TOGETHER AT KAIDAI* AND YOU BOTH GOT LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER AT THE SAME TIME RIGHT?
YES... IT'S SOMETHING THAT SURPRISED ME...

*KAIDAI: ABBREVIATION OF KAIGUNDAIGAKKO NAVY MILITARY SCHOOL.

REALLY, THOSE SELF-CENTERED PEOPLE ARE GETTING LIFE DIFFICULT FOR US...
WHEN YOU'LL BE BACK, TELL MINISTER SHIMADA AND CHIEF OF MILITARY SERVICES OKA THAT...
...THERE'S NO NAVY WITHOUT JAPAN.
YES, SIR!!!




READY TO WEIGH THE ANCHOR !!!
WEIGH THE ANCHOR !!!
WHEN WE REACH THE NORTH SEA ROUTE...
...SET CAPE TO NORTH-EAST 2-8-8!
FULL SPEED!
WATCH THE DEPTH!
ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO... THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING...

I DREAMED IT.
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WELL... IN 6 DAYS...
YOKO-SUKA!!!

LET'S GO!!!
FOLLOW THE MIRAI AT THE DISTANCE OF 600!!
SHIMAMOTO, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE INO.
LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER TAKI.
AT EASE!
FAREWELL CORAL REEFS AND PAPAYAS...
SUBMARINE IN OUR WAKE CONFIRMED.
DISTANCE 1,000! SPEED 10 MILES!
I SHOULD HAVE ASKED THE GEISHA HER TELEPHONE NUMBER.
WHAT COULD YOU DO WITH IT...

REINFORCE THE AIR AND SEA SURVEIL-LANCE.
WE HAVE A NAVIGATION OF 6 DAYS UNTIL WE REACH YO-KOSUKA.

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THE PRIORITY IS TO PREVENT AMERICAN BOMBERS FROM REACHING THE MAIN ISLANDS.

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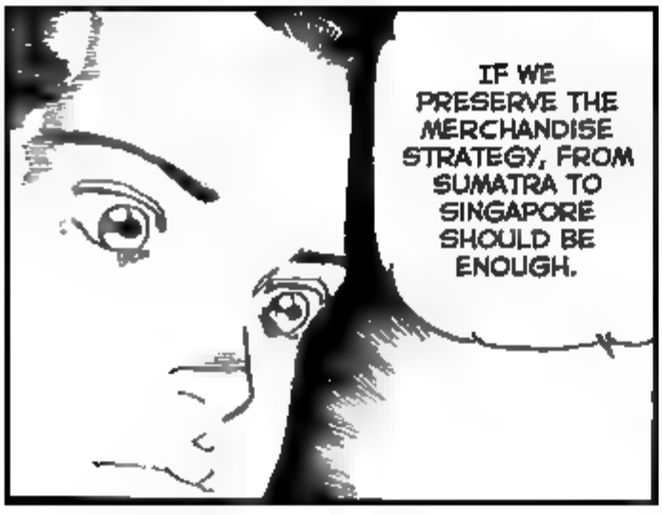
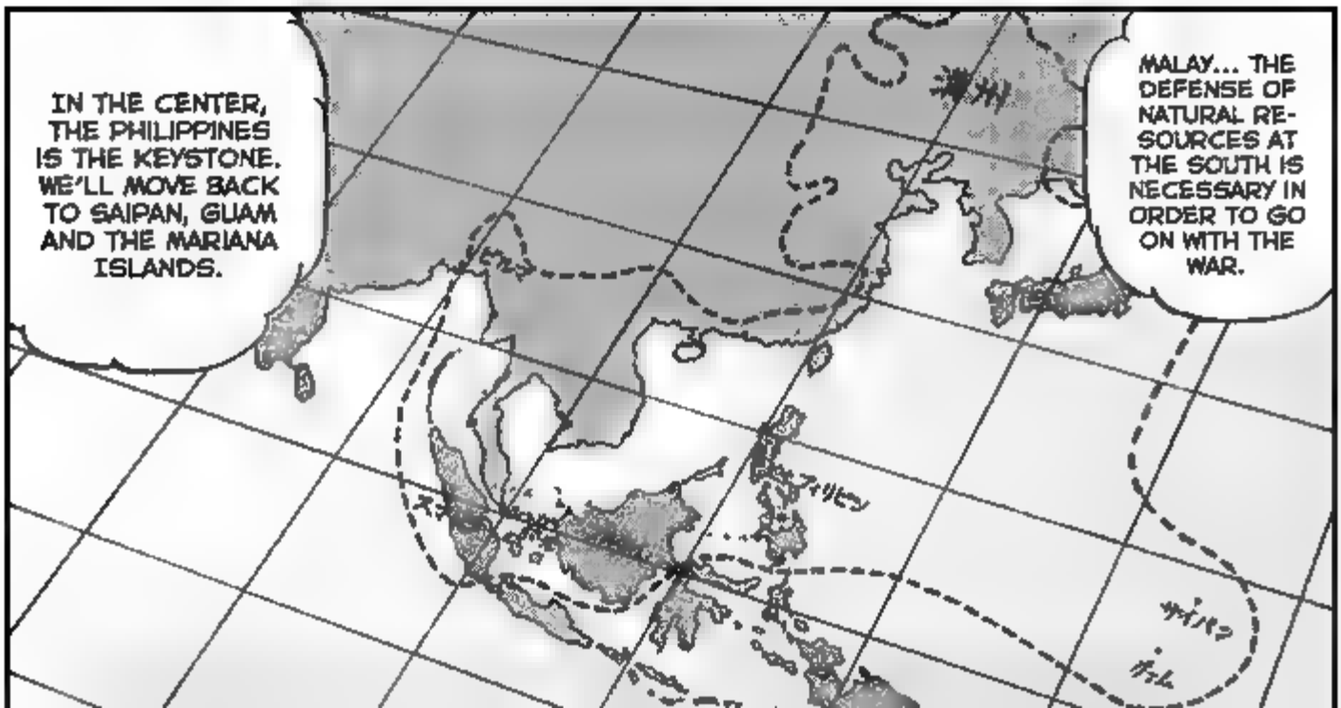
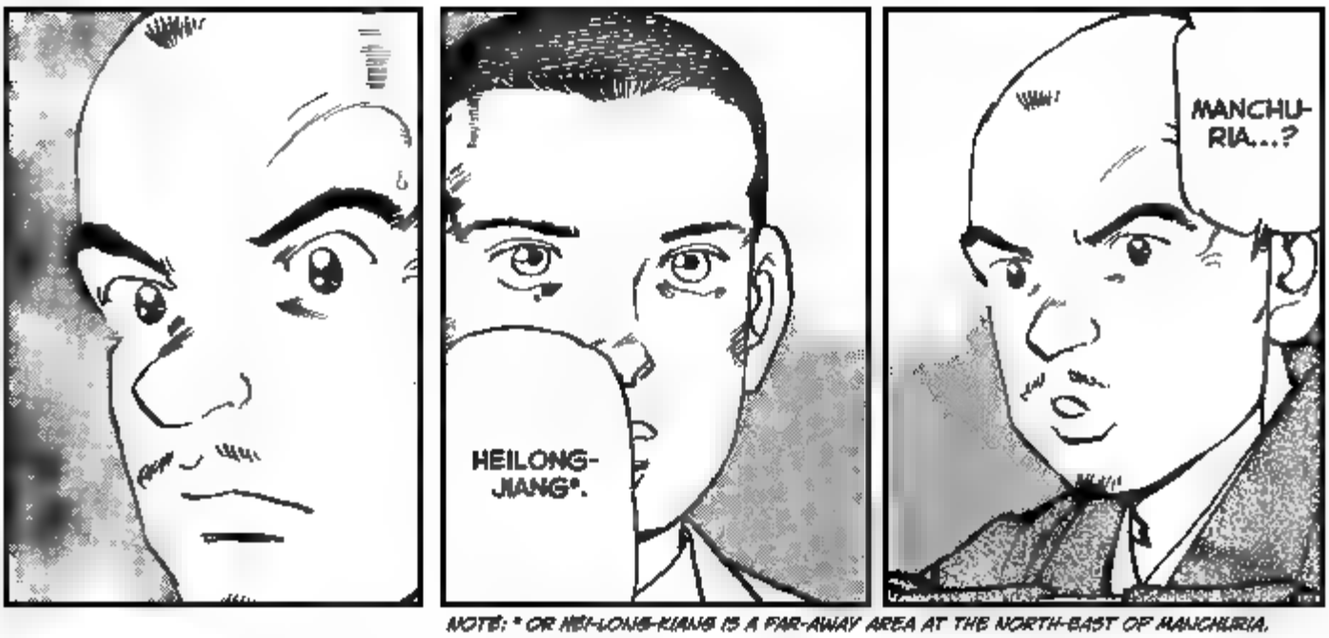
LIMITS OF THE JAPANESE FRONT LINE?

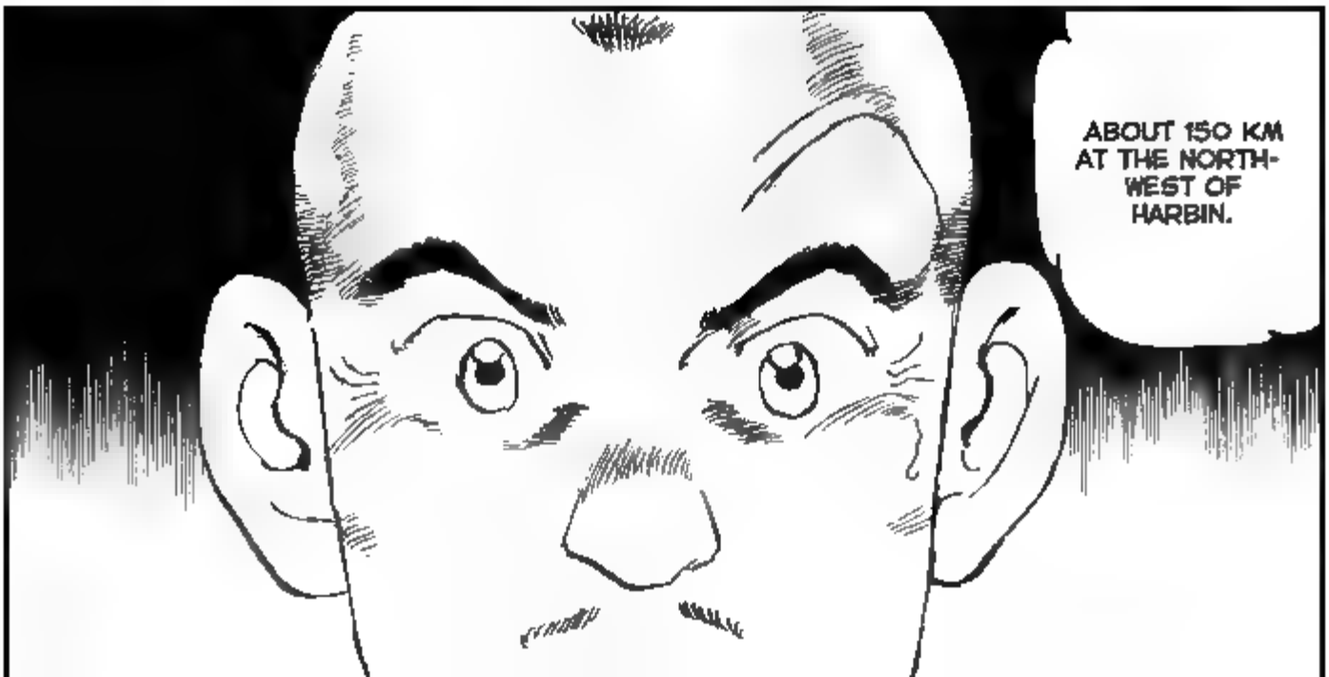

IF WE PRESERVE THE MERCHANDISE STRATEGY, FROM SUMATRA TO SINGAPORE SHOULD BE ENOUGH.

FIRST, AT THE WEST, THERE'S THE BURMESE FRONT LINE.

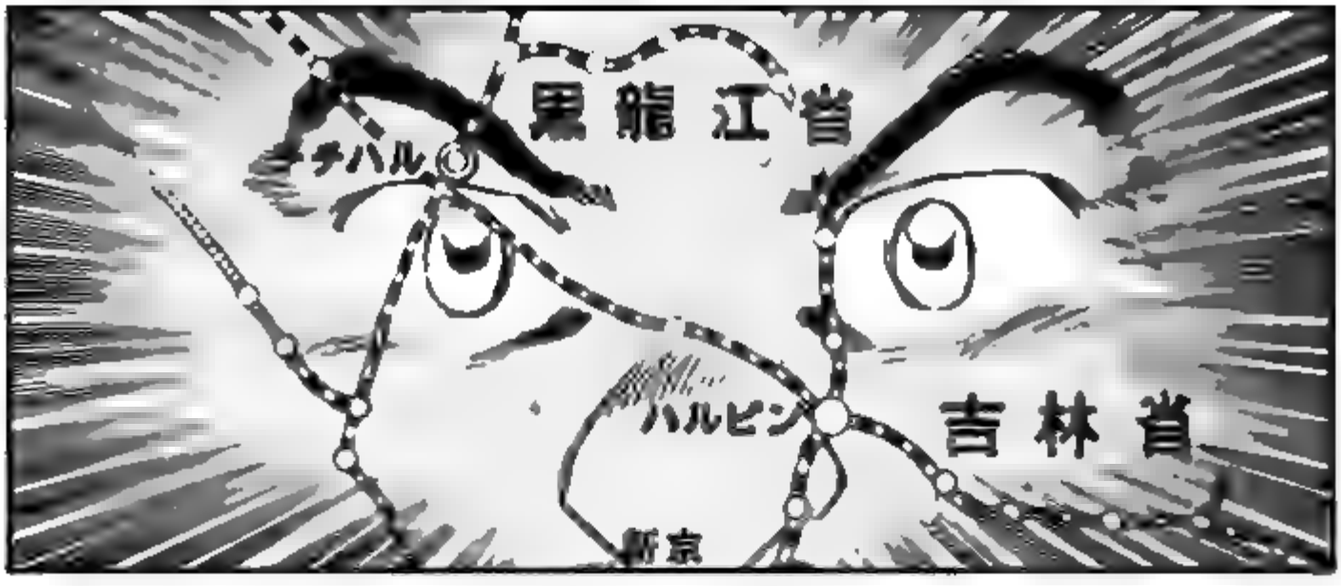

IN THE CENTER, THE PHILIPPINES IS THE KEYSTONE. WE'LL MOVE BACK TO SAIPAN, GUAM AND THE MARIANA ISLANDS.
MALAY... THE DEFENSE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AT THE SOUTH IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GO ON WITH THE WAR.



NOTE: * OR HEI-LONG-KIANG IS A FAR-AWAY AREA AT THE NORTH-EAST OF MANCHURIA.



160 KM AT THE SOUTH-EAST OF QIQIHAR.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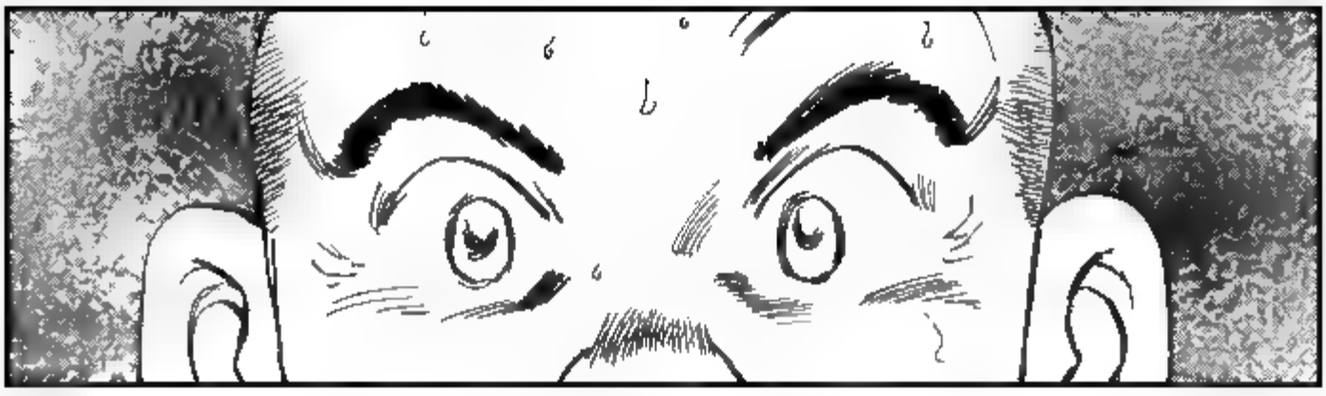
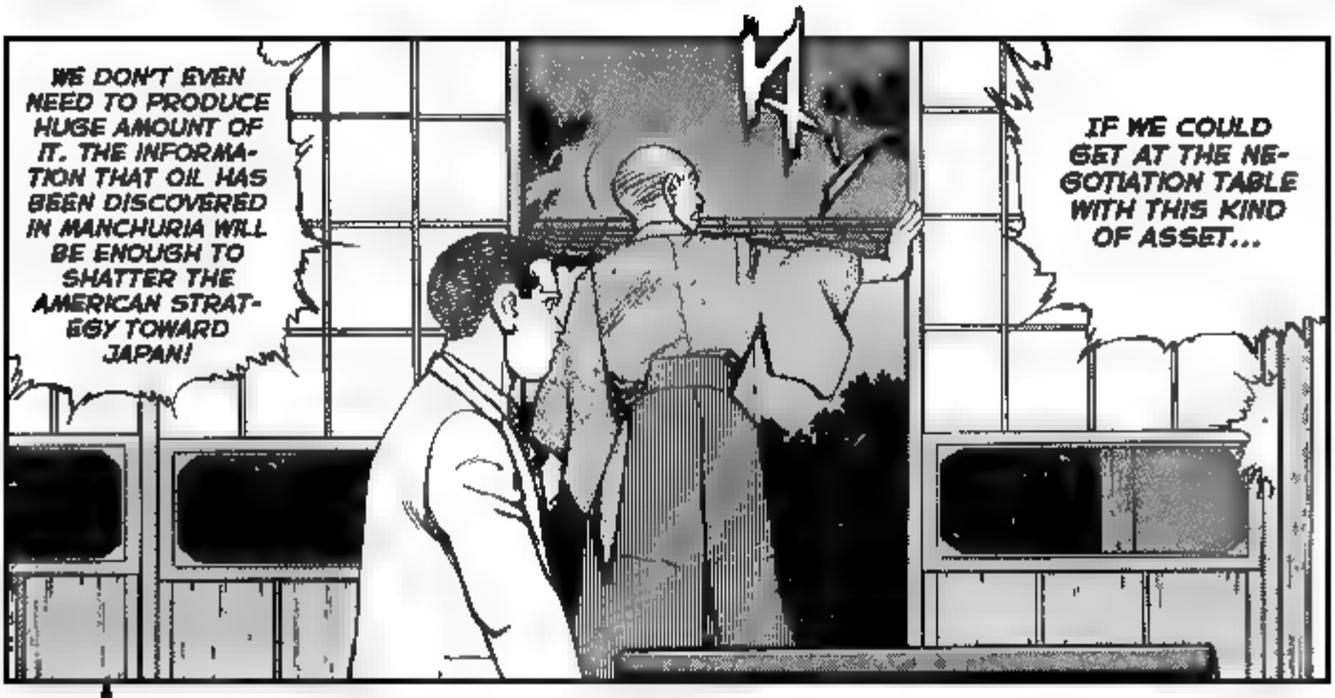
17 YEARS LATER, IN 1950...
...IN THIS AREA THAT WILL BE CALLED "DAQING"...
NO... IS THERE...

...AN OIL FIELD THAT COULD PRODUCE 10 OR 100 TIMES MORE THAN WHAT JAPAN NEEDS NOW WILL BE DISCOVERED.

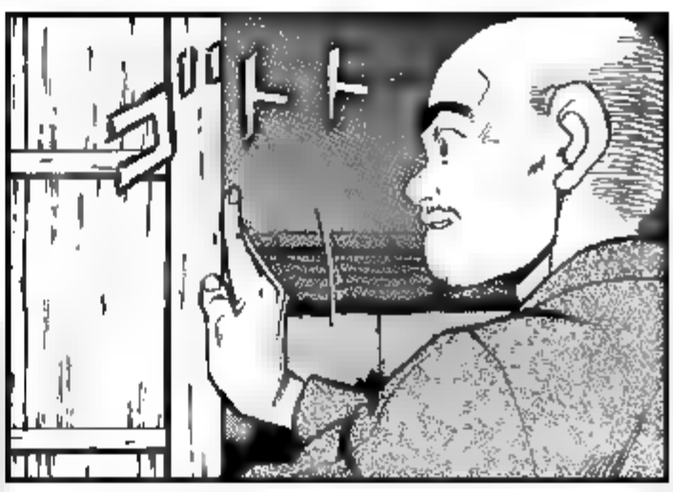


WAR? NO! IT'S THE EVOLUTION OF JAPAN, AND OF ALL THE WORLD THAT COULD BE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN.
THE STRATEGIC OUTLINES OF THIS WAR COULD BE COMPLETELY MODIFIED!

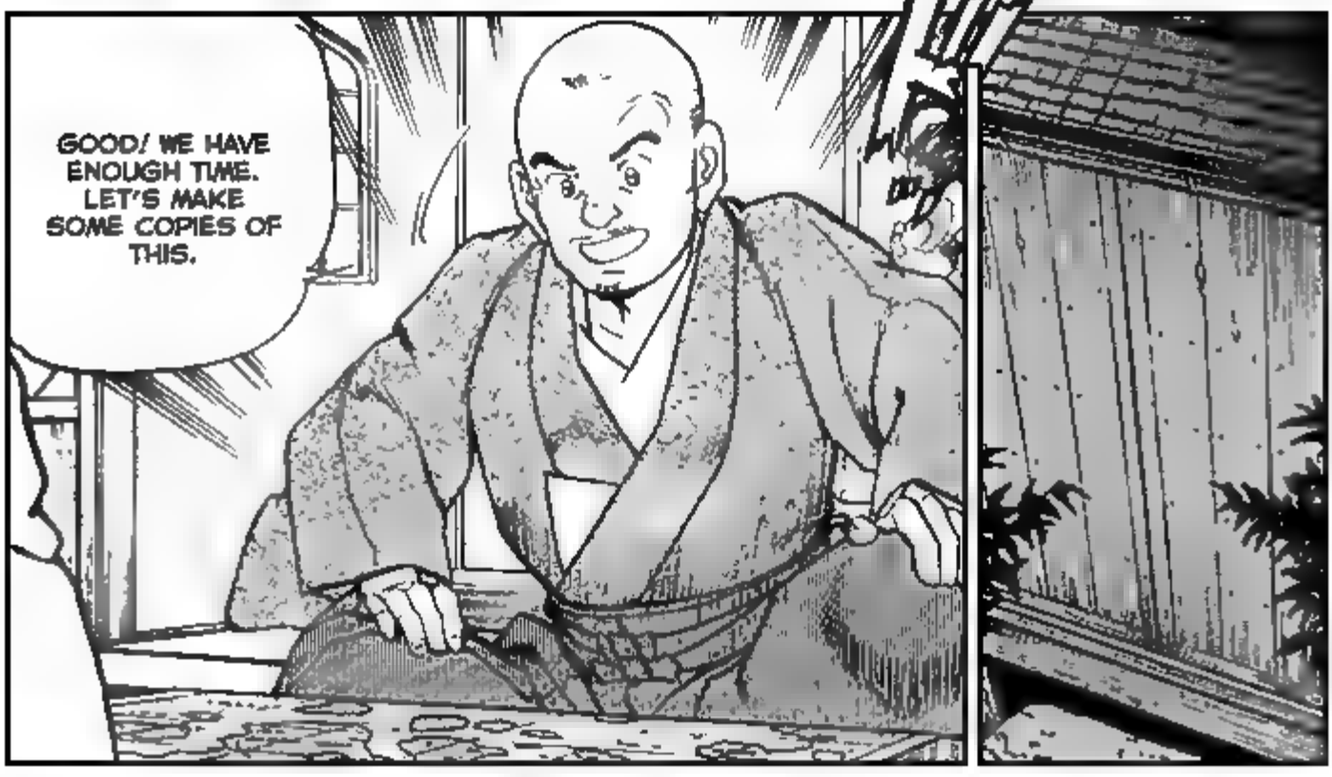
NO, YOU'RE THE FIRST...
HAVE YOU TOLD THIS TO ANYONE ELSE?!


WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO PRODUCE HUGE AMOUNT OF IT. THE INFORMATION THAT OIL HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN MANCHURIA WILL BE ENOUGH TO SHATTER THE AMERICAN STRATEGY TOWARD JAPAN!
IF WE COULD GET AT THE NEGOTIATION TABLE WITH THIS KIND OF ASSET...

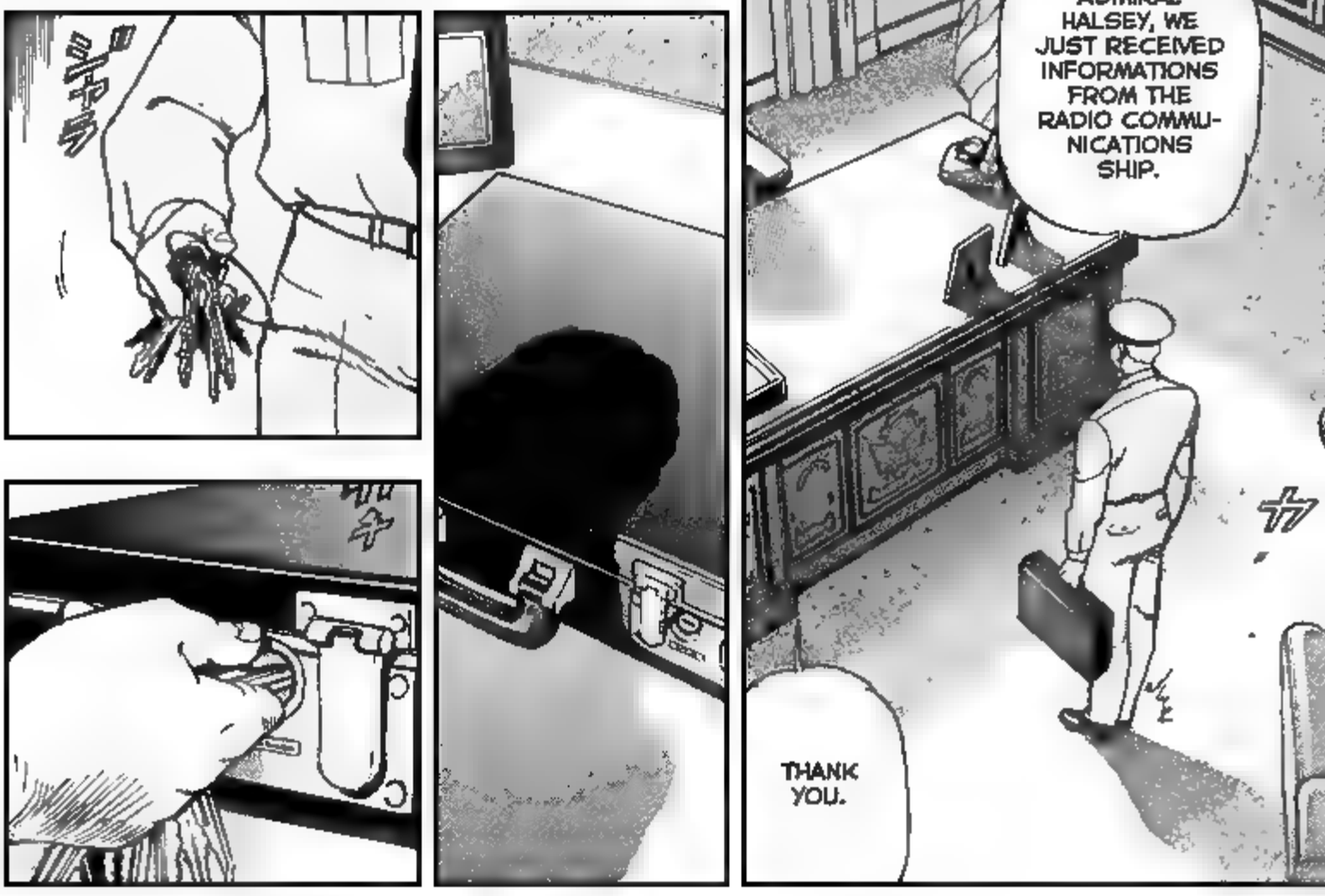
KUSAKA, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO STAFF HEADQUARTERS IN ICHIGAWA?
NO.



THERE'S NO WIN-DOWS...
THE OP-ERATIONS ROOM IS IN THE BASE-MENT...


GOOD! WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME. LET'S MAKE SOME COPIES OF THIS.

OF COURSE.


ADMIRAL HALSEY, WE JUST RECEIVED INFORMATIONS FROM THE RADIO COMMU-NICATIONS SHIP.
THANK YOU.

OH... THAT'S VERY INTERESTING.
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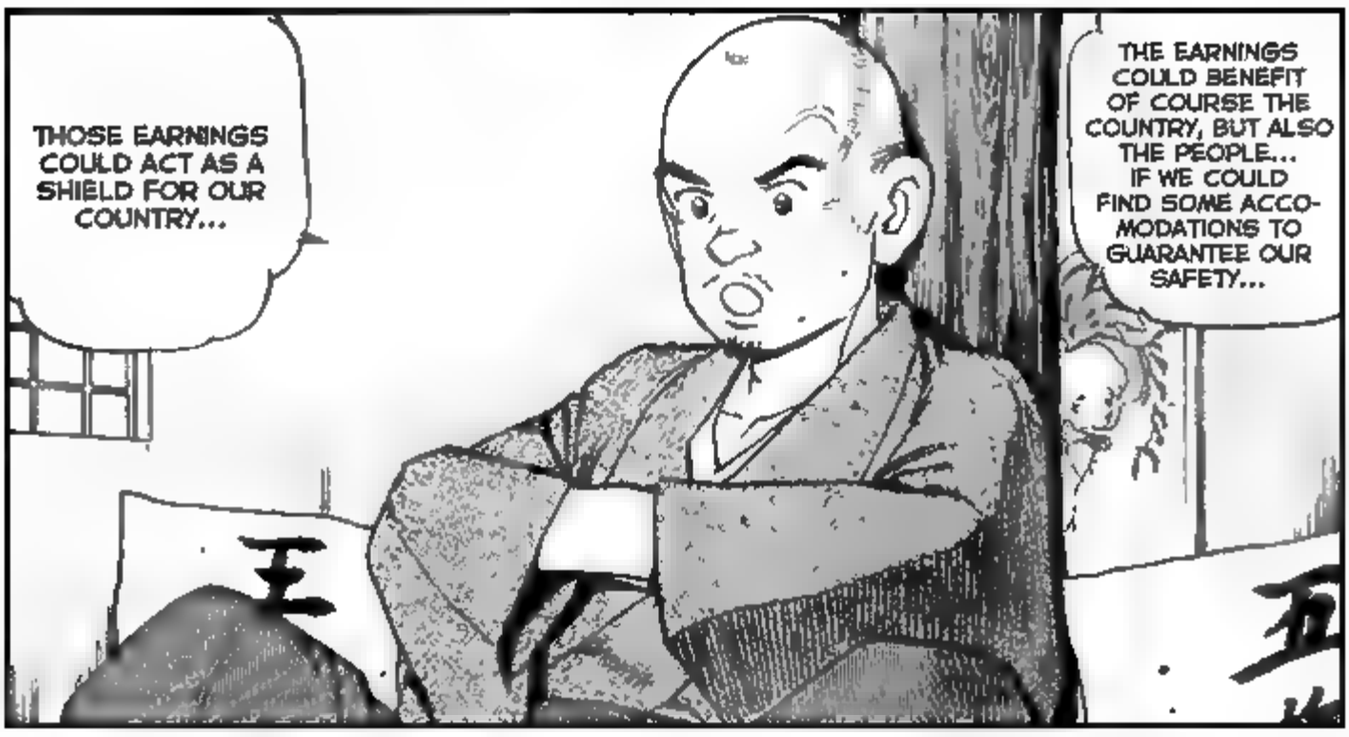
THE BET OF SAMUEL D. HUTTON

AN OIL RESERVE THAT COULD EXCEED MORE THAN A MILLION OF TONS... SUCH AN IMPORTANT "TREASURE" WILL BE INTERESTING...
...THE U.S., THE SOVIET UNION, AND CHINA.


THOSE EARNINGS COULD ACT AS A SHIELD FOR OUR COUNTRY...
THE EARNINGS COULD BENEFIT OF COURSE THE COUNTRY, BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE... IF WE COULD FIND SOME ACCO-MODATIONS TO GUARANTEE OUR SAFETY...

BY "COUNTRY", YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT JAPAN?
HUH?
NO. I'M TALKING ABOUT MAN-CHUKUO.

BUT BEFORE THAT, WE HAVE LOTS OF ISSUES TO DEAL WITH...
...JUST LIKE AT THE TIME OF THE MEIJI RESTORATION.
王道楽土
五族協和
殖産興業
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T/N: * FAMOUS UNION IN 1867 BETWEEN THE SATSUMA AND CHOSHU CLANS.
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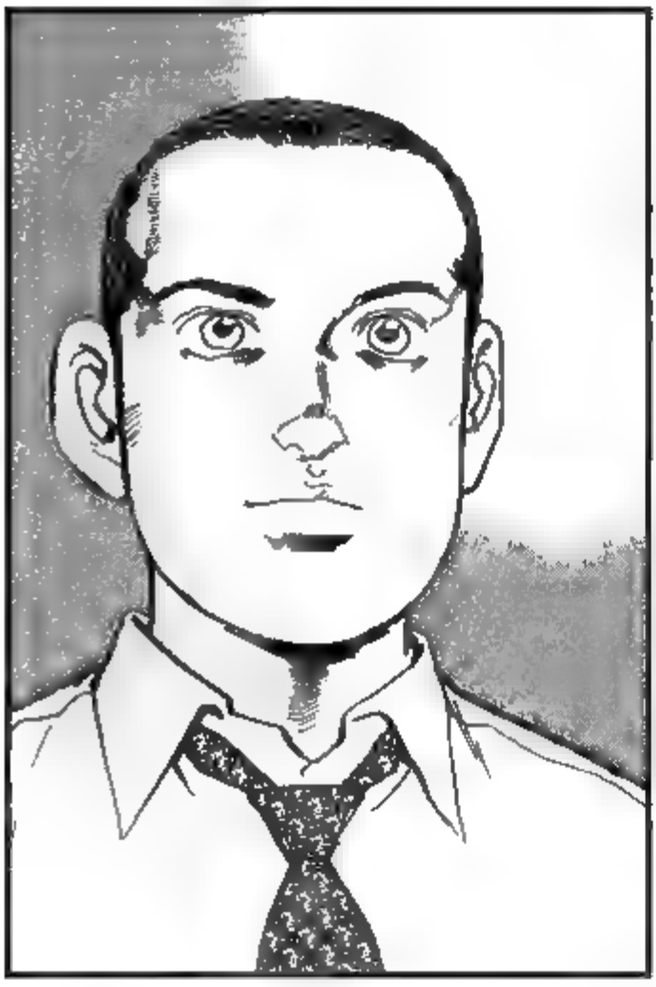


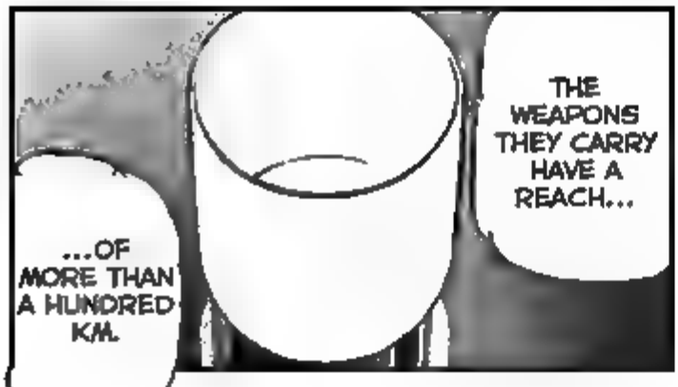
*TO FIGHT FOR THE BENEFITS, AND NOT FOR THE MORALE...!

SASEBO IN KYUSHU... OR MAYBE MAIZURU... IF IT'S GUIDED BY THE NAVY...
HASHIRAJIMA IS ALSO POSSIBLE...

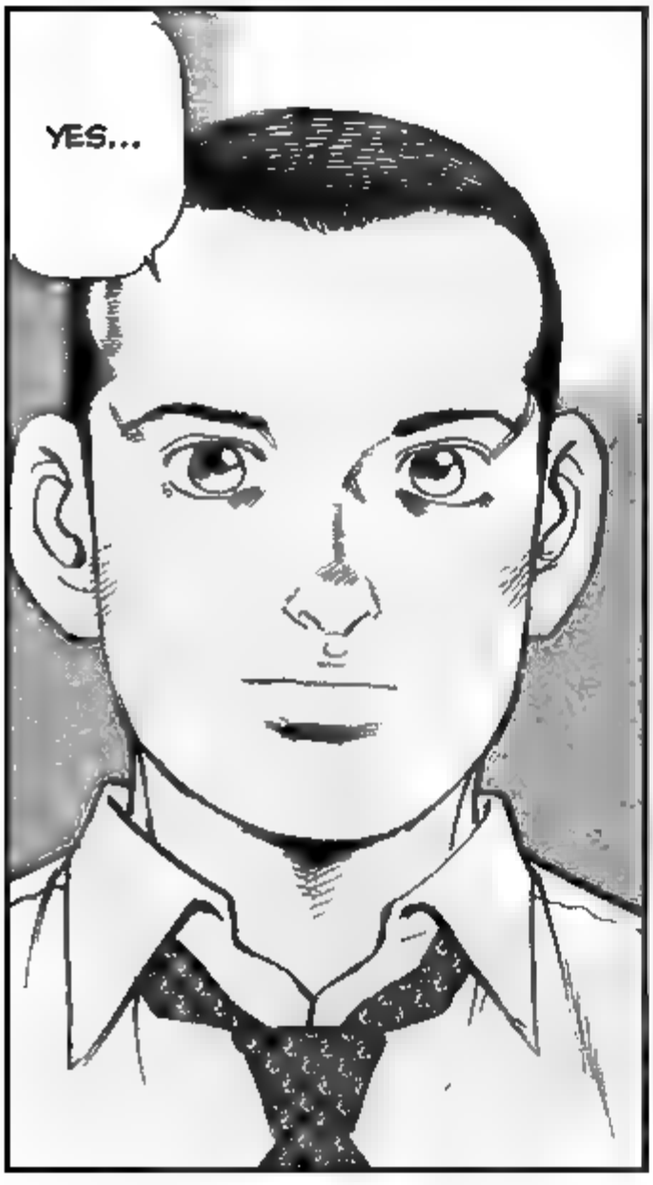
I'M ALREADY HOPING FOR THE TIME TO GO BY FASTER UNTIL THE SHIP ARRIVES. THE MIRAI...

WHICH ROUTE IS IT TAKING?

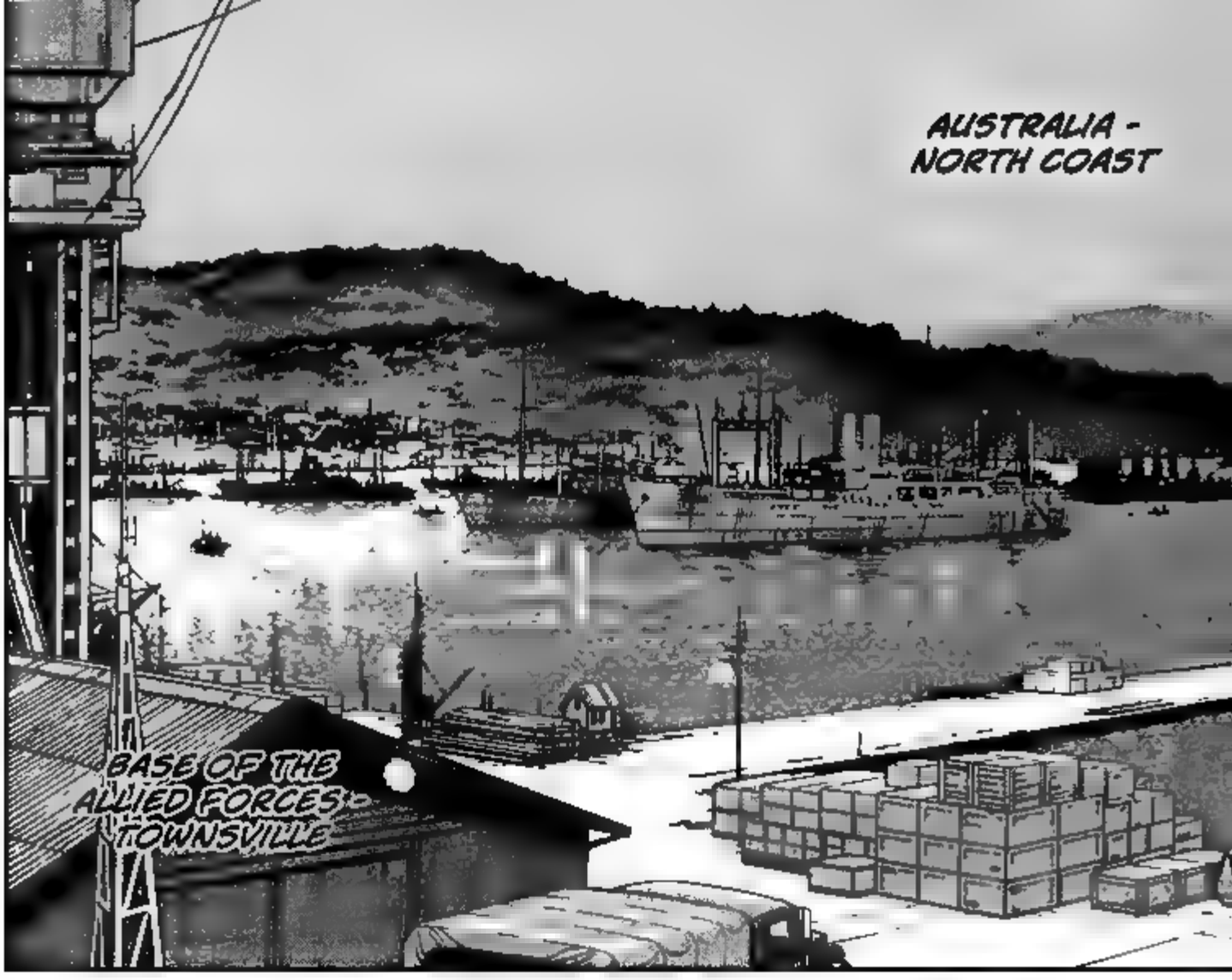
THEY AREN'T FOLLOWING ANYONE ORDERS.


THE WEAPONS THEY CARRY HAVE A REACH...
...OF MORE THAN A HUNDRED KM.

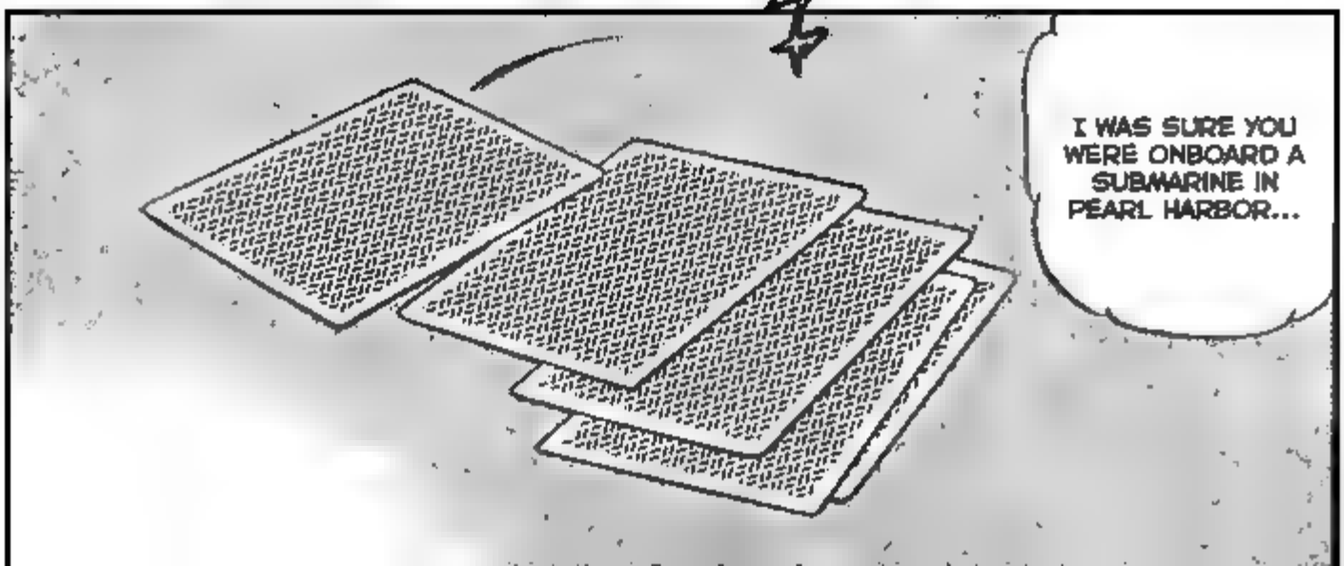
FROM THE COAST OF JAPAN, THEY COULD REACH ALL THE REGIONS...
FROM ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN ICHIGAYA, TO THOSE OF THE NAVY IN KASUMIGASEKI...

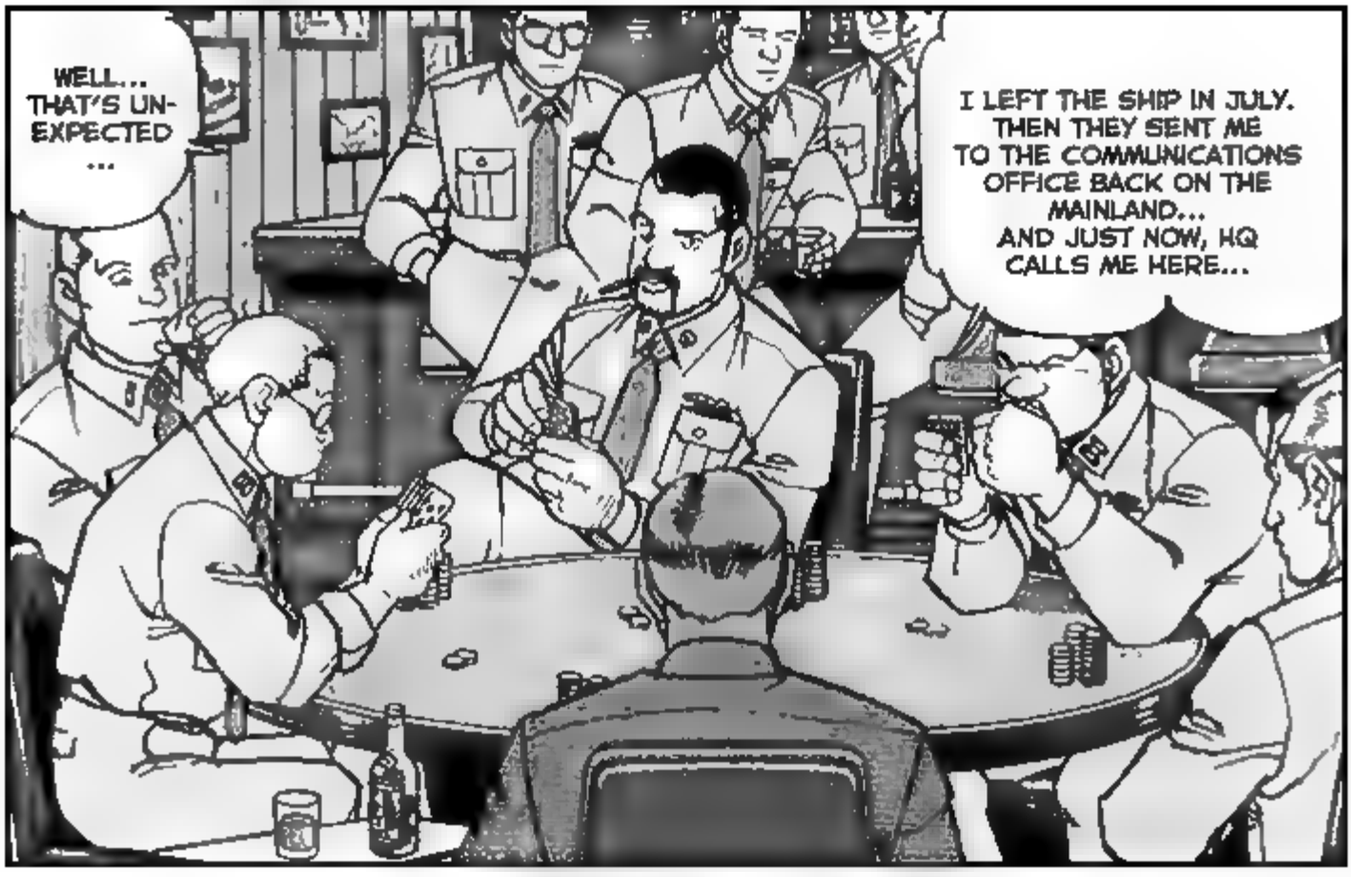

YES...

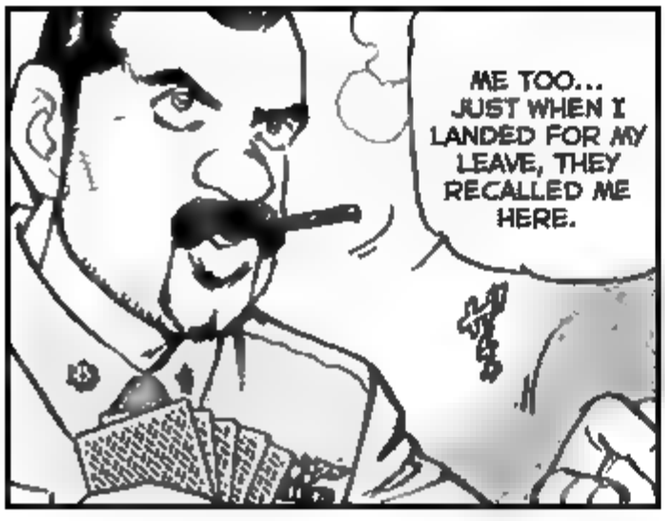
KUSAKA, YOU'RE TRUSTING THEM, RIGHT?


AUSTRALIA - NORTH COAST
BASE OF THE ALLIED FORCES - TOWNSVILLE

WHAT A SURPRISE... IF I WERE TO MEET YOU HERE...


I WAS SURE YOU WERE ONBOARD A SUBMARINE IN PEARL HARBOR...


WELL... THAT'S UN-EXPECTED ...
I LEFT THE SHIP IN JULY. THEN THEY SENT ME TO THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE BACK ON THE MAINLAND... AND JUST NOW, HQ CALLS ME HERE...


ME TOO... JUST WHEN I LANDED FOR MY LEAVE, THEY RECALLED ME HERE.

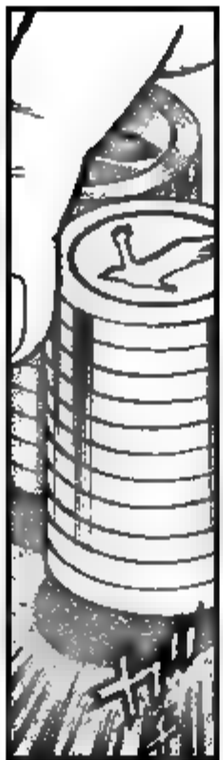
THEY MOVE ME AROUND...

I FOLD. I WOULDN'T WANT TO UPSET THE CHIEF...
SAME FOR ME...

WE'RE UNLUCKY ...

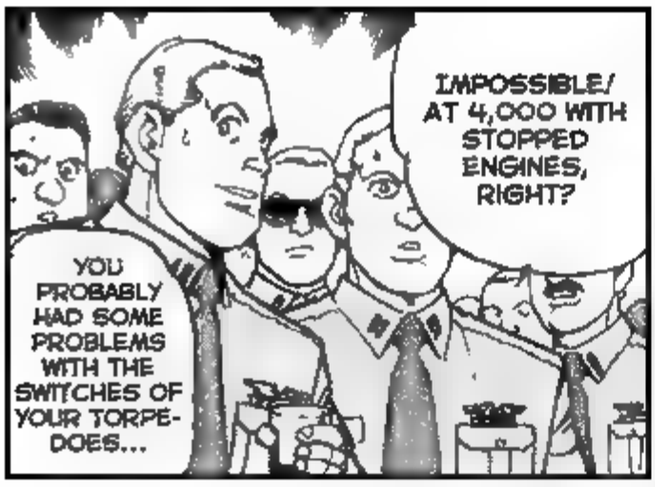
HA!
HA!
HA!
...BUT FINALLY, THEY CALL ME TO GET ONBOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER/ REALLY CHRIS, I'D RATHER SEE MY WIFE/

I STILL HAD 2 DAYS ON LEAVE...
...I WAS THINKING OF SPENDING SOME TIME WITH MY WIFE...



THIS REALLY IS UNLUCKY BOMBER CHIEF SAMUEL D. HUTTON.

IT WAS 2 MONTHS AGO... ON THE COAST OF MIDWAY...
...WE STUMBLED ON AN UNKNOWN KIND OF JAPANESE SHIP...
BY THE WAY CHRIS, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
A "REPORT".
A REPORT ...?
ABOUT?
AH...
A CRUISER I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. ITS ENGINES WERE COMPLETELY STOPPED.
IT WAS IN MY SIGHT, AND AT THAT DISTANCE, JUST 2 TORPEDOES WOULD HAVE BEEN EASILY ENOUGH.
I BLOCKED IT TO PORT AT 4,000 AND I FIRED 6 TORPEDOES.


IMPOSSIBLE! AT 4,000 WITH STOPPED ENGINES, RIGHT?
YOU PROBABLY HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE SWITCHES OF YOUR TORPEDOES...

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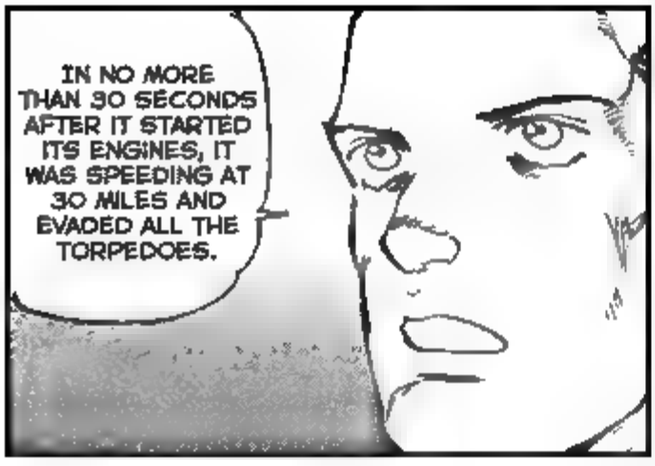
YET, IT ESCAPED ALL THE TORPEDOES...


IN NO MORE THAN 30 SECONDS AFTER IT STARTED ITS ENGINES, IT WAS SPEEDING AT 30 MILES AND EVADED ALL THE TORPEDOES.

WHAT IT FIRED AT US WASN'T BOMBS NOR TORPEDOES.
IT WAS SOMETHING I NEVER SAW BEFORE.

30 SEC...?!

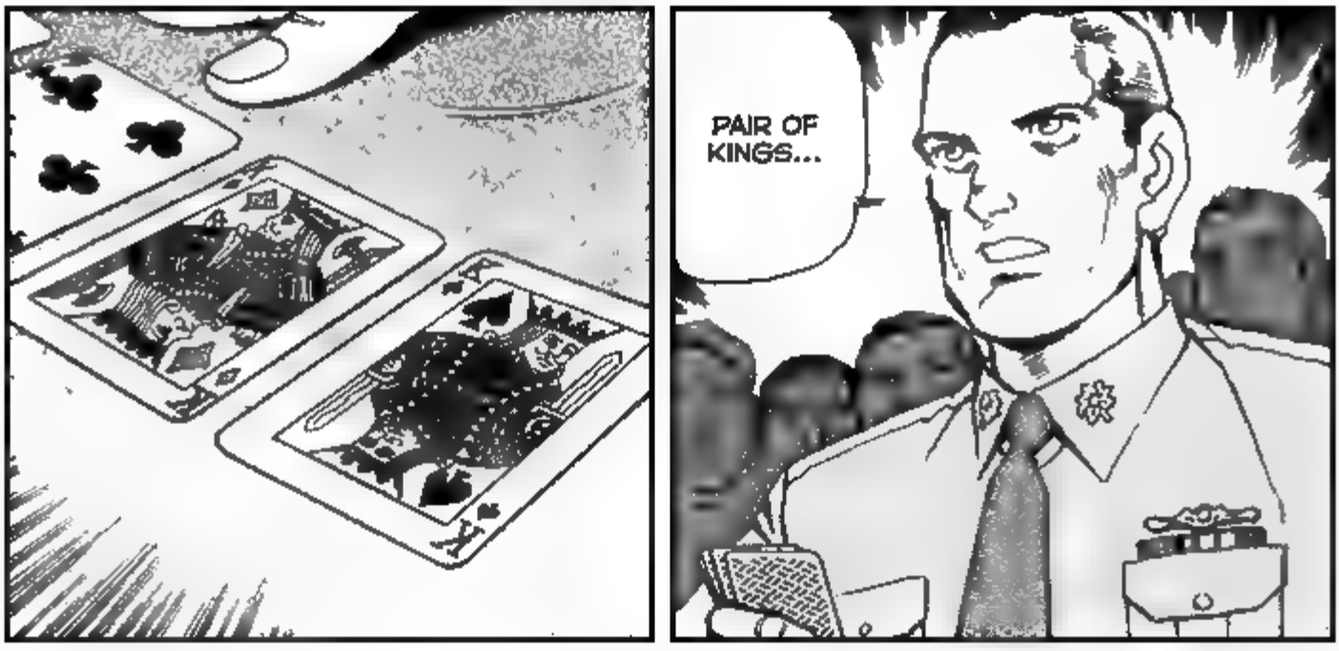
THAT'S NOT ALL.

LAUNCHED IN THE AIR, IT HAD A RESEARCH SIGNAL...
IT FOLLOWED US BUT AT A DISTANCE OF 500M IT SELF-DESTRUCTED.

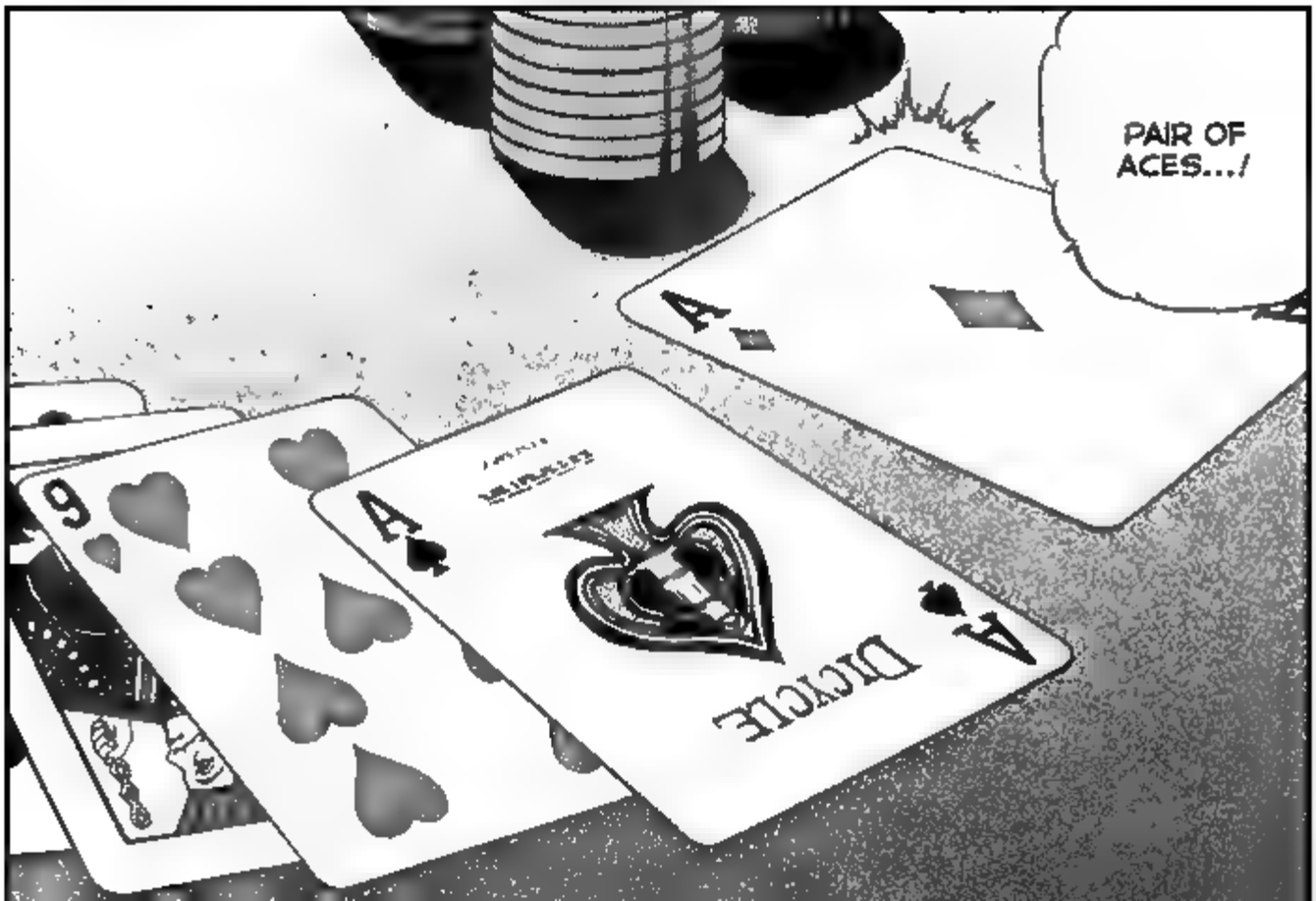
WELL, WELL... IT SEEMS THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

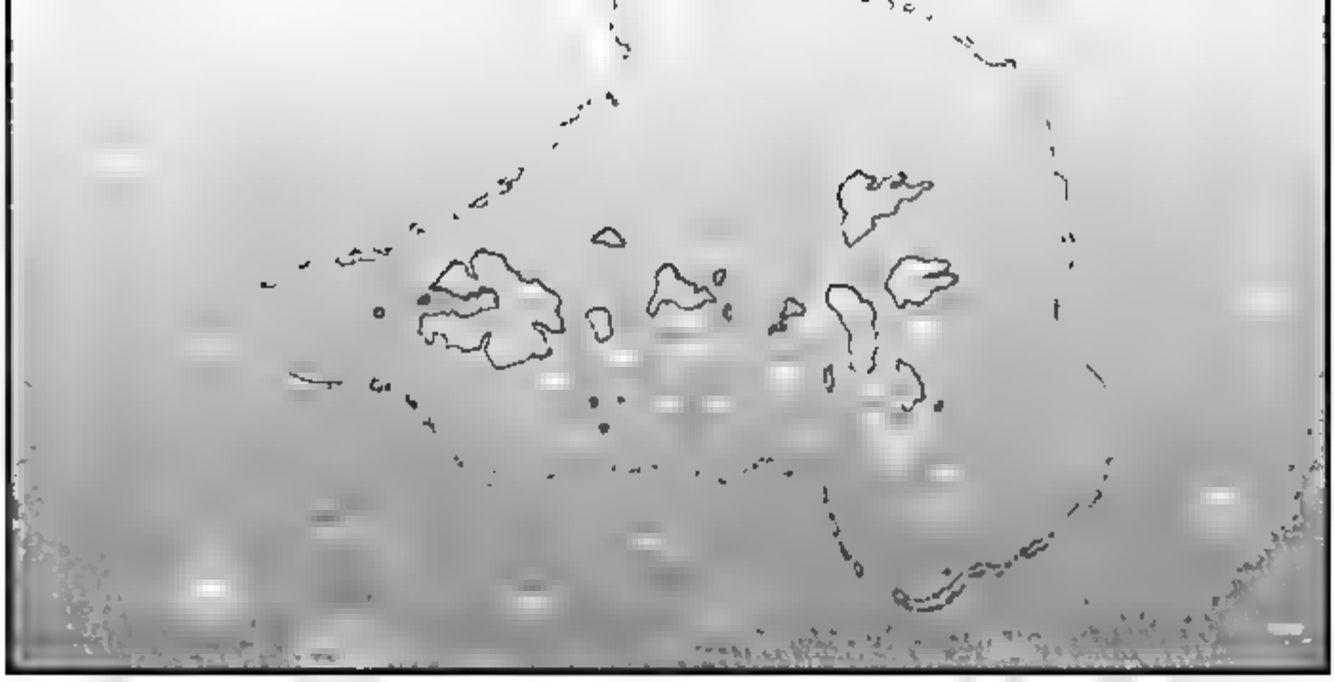
...WILL BE THIS MONSTER...
MY MEN WEREN'T HAPPY THINKING WE WOULD BE FIGHTING JAPANESE INTERVENTION TROOPS BUT
APPARENTLY, FOR US THE V3-6, THE TARGET
I'M BETTING EVERYTHING I'VE GOT UP UNTIL NOW.

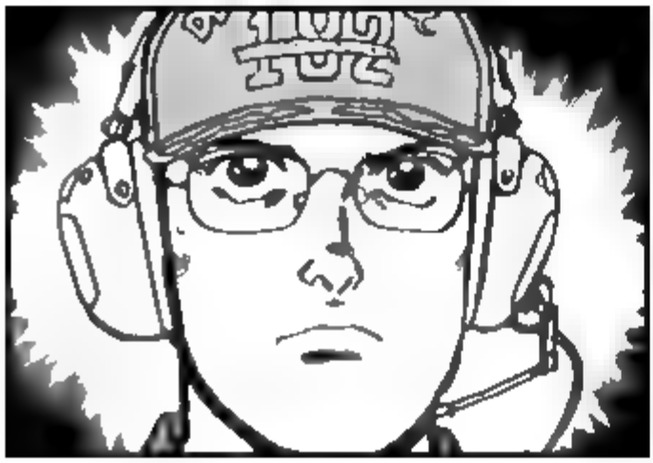
LET'S SEE IF THE FORTUNE IS ON YOUR SIDE..
VERY WELL.
WAOUH! THERE'S ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY A BRAND NEW CADILLAC!
SHOW ME...

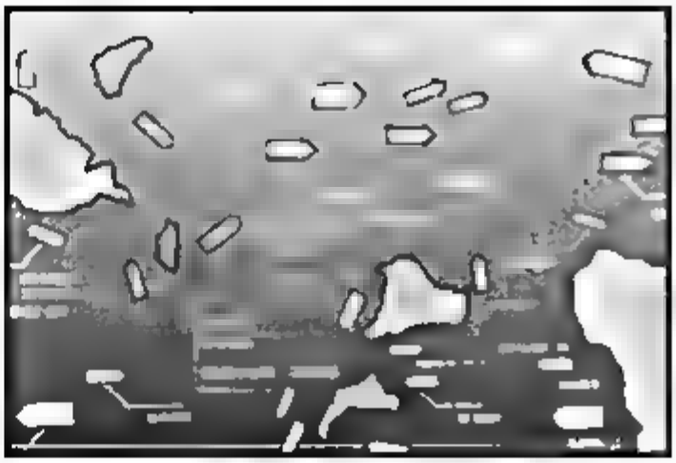

PAIR OF KINGS...

TOO BAD FOR YOU CHRIS.


PAIR OF ACES.../
DICKIE







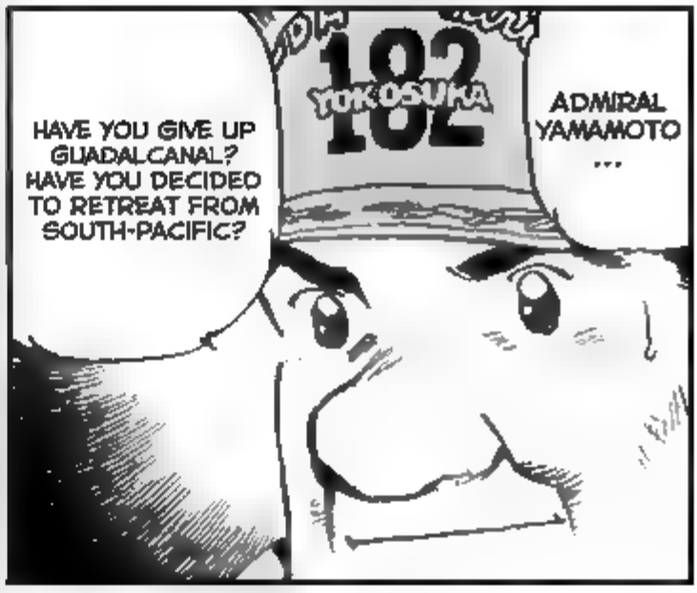
CIC TO DECK... THERE'S NO SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT IN THE BAY OF TRUK.
THERE'S A LIGHT BOAT NAVIGATING TOWARDS THE SOUTH. THAT'S ALL. NO MESSAGES OF ANY KIND.

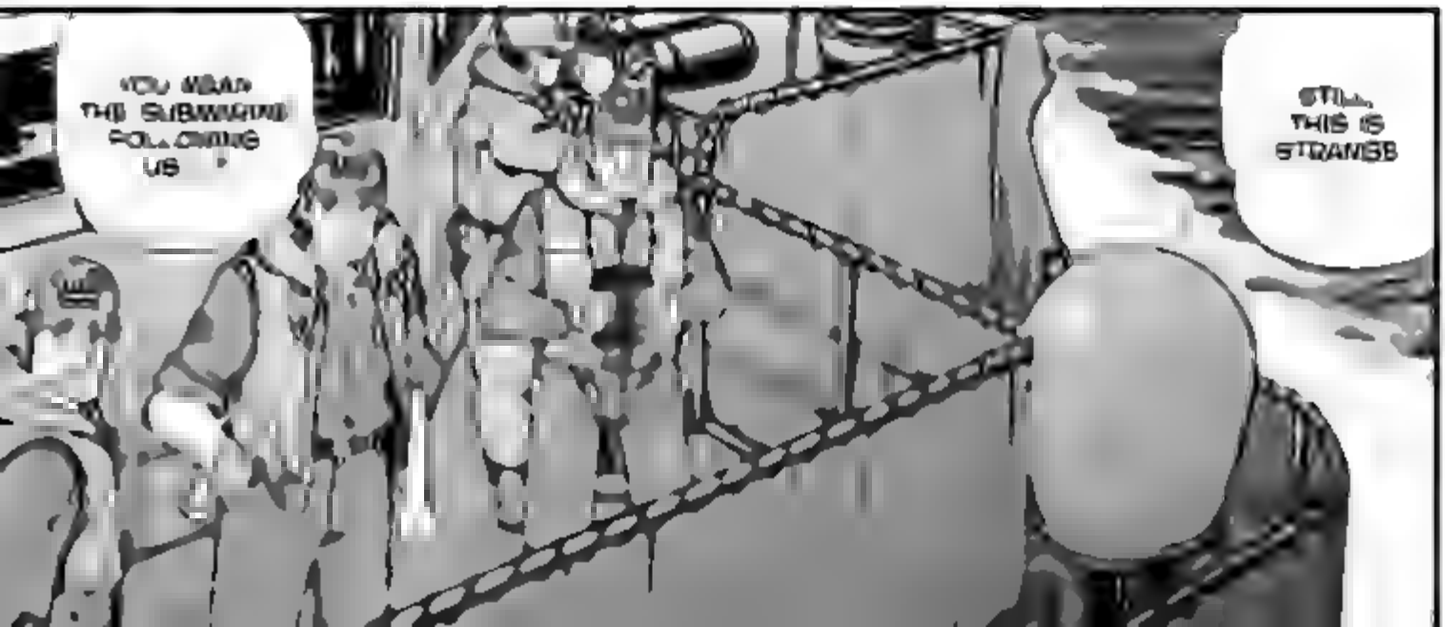
IF WE REFER TO HISTORY...

AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION OF THE PRESENCE OF THE AMERICAN INTERVENTION TROOPS, THE 2ND FLEET UNDER THE COMMAND OF ADMIRAL KONDO WOULD HAVE HEADED TOWARDS GUADALCANAL.
TODAY, AUGUST THE 20TH 1942...

THIS TIME, IT HAS BEEN SHOWN.
HISTORY IS WRITTEN BY UNWAVERING MEN.

THE SECOND BATTLE OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS HAS BEEN AVOIDED ...


HAVE YOU GIVE UP GUADALCANAL? HAVE YOU DECIDED TO RETREAT FROM SOUTH-PACIFIC?
ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO ...


YOU MEAN THE SUBMARINE FOLLOWING US
STILL, THIS IS STRANGE

THAT'S TRUE...
HE HAS NOT GONE INSIDE ONCE HE'S KEEPING HIS EYES ON US
WELL, I MEAN THE OFFICER STANDING ON THE DECK...
IT'S SURVEILLANCE, RIGHT?
TELL ME, THIS ISN'T ESCORTING
Wake 50 / End.

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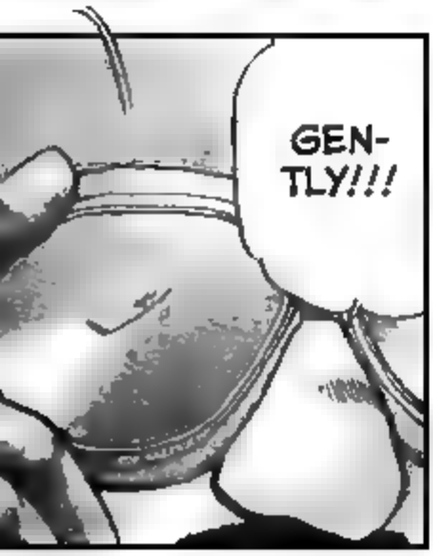
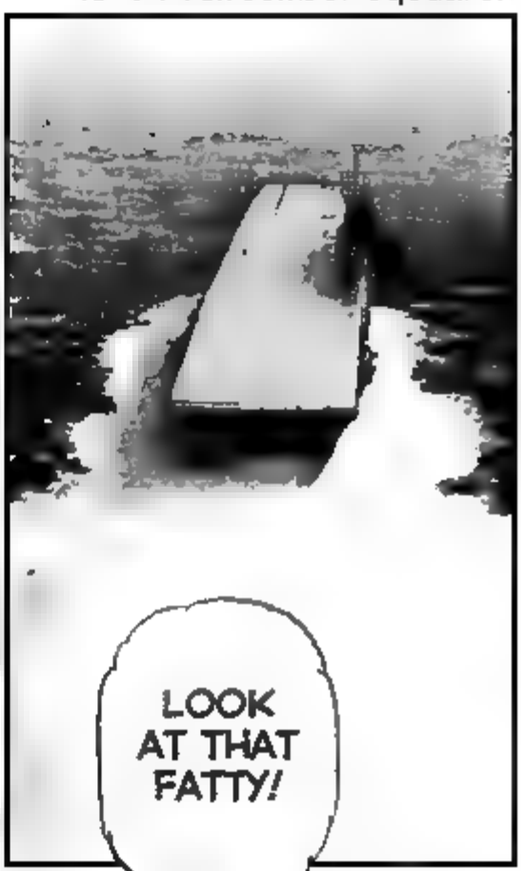
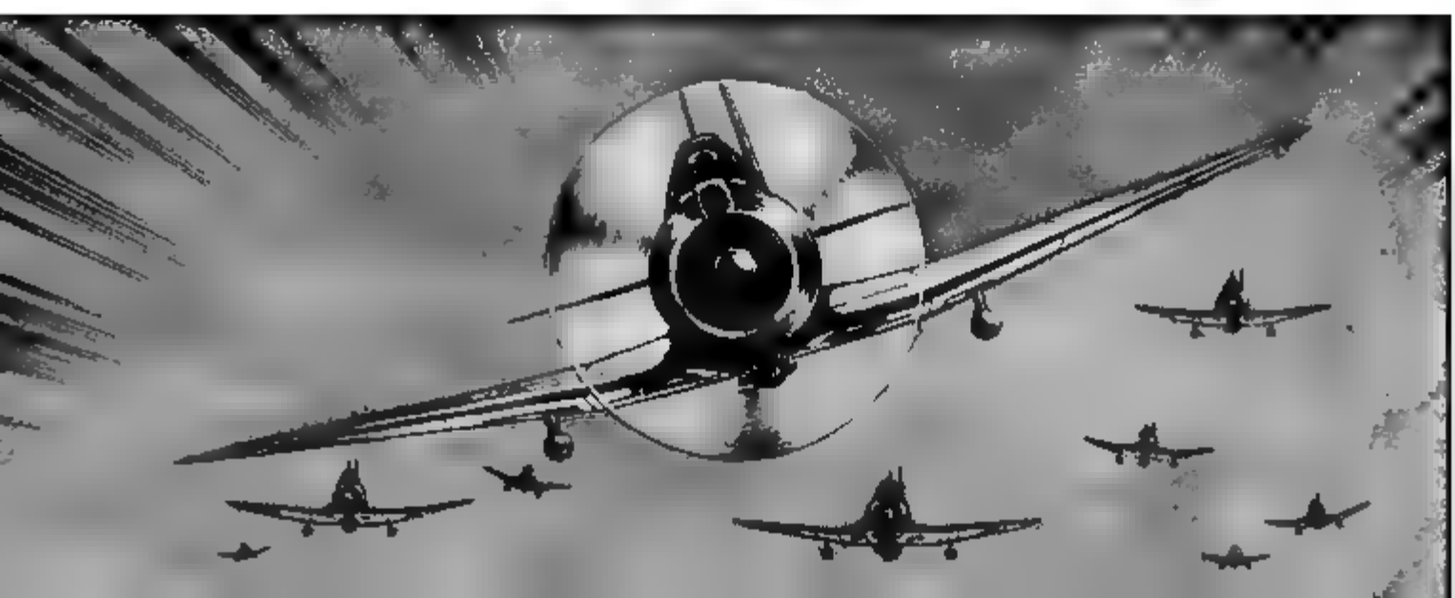
*VB-6 : 6th bomber squadron







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The attack of the Wasp

THANK YOU CAPTAIN HUTTON
6TH BOMBER SQUADRON REPORTING! AT YOUR COMMAND SIR!

THIS CAPTAIN HUTTON REALLY HAS A BAD RE-PUTATION ...

WE'LL HAVE A BRIEFING REGARDING THE OPERA-TION IN THE MEETING ROOM
YES!

HE'S BEEN PART OF MANY OPERATION IN THE ATLANTIC, FACING THE GERMANS BUT...
WELL, WELL ...

HE LIKES GAMBLING, FIGHTING... HE'S NICKNAMED "CORKSCREW", "THE BANDIT" ...

...THERE'S NEVER BEEN A SINGLE LOSS IN HIS SQUADRON.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER QUES-TIONS...
CAPTAIN GREY
!?
SO THAT'S THE OPE-RATION

THAT'S REALLY UNAPPRO-PRIATE!
ARE YOU USING A SLEDGE-HAMMER TO CRACK A NUT?
OUR TARGET IS A SINGLE JAPANESE CRUISER, RIGHT?
WHAT IS YOUR POINT HUT-TON?
THAT IS NONE OF YOUR CONCERN
IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE TO HEARD THAT, THEY WOULD SAY YOU'RE WASTING THEIR TAXES
THERE ARE 11 SHIPS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE WASP, HEAVY AND LIGHT CRUISERS

CAPTAIN CHRIS EVANS... HE'S COMMANDING THE U.S.S GUARDFISH FROM THE 20TH SUBMARINE FLEET...
YESTERDAY EVENING, IN THE OFFICER'S MESS IN TOWNSVILLE, I MET AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE...
END OF THE BRIE-FING
YESTERDAY, HE TOLD ME ALOT OF THINGS...
WE HAVE PLAY POKER FOR MANY YEARS NOW...
WHAT ABOUT YOU TELL US WHAT IS OUR REAL MISSION?

VERY WELL ...
WE'RE TAKING OFF FOR A REAL BATTLE, NOT JUST A SOME TRAINING!!!
I NEED ALL THE INFO AVAILABLE! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEN'S LIFE!!!
... EVERY-BODY OUT!
EXCEPT CAPTAIN HUTTON ...
AH... YES SIR
LOOK CAREFULLY ...
THIS IS A MOVIE FILMED BY PEOPLE OF THE US MARINES 1ST DIVISION UNDER THE COMMAND OF MAJOR-GENERAL VANDEGRIFT, AND THAT LANDED IN GUADALCANAL.

SOME-
THING
...?
THE EVENING THEY LANDED ON THE ISLAND, THEY WERE ATTACKED BY SOMETHING...
...
FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE
AT THE MOMENT OF THE ATTACK, THEY RECEIVED A WARNING MESSAGE
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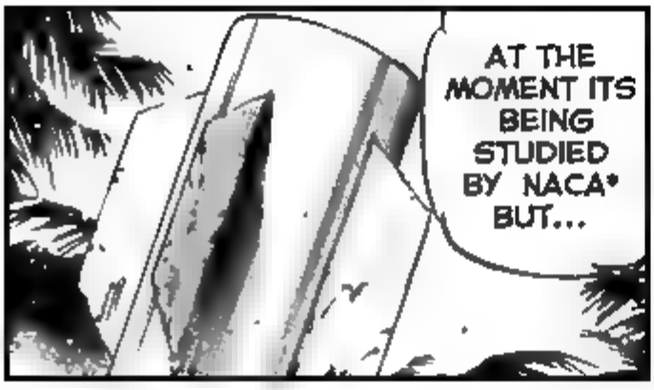
THE ONES THAT FIRED IT...

... CALLED IT
SAGITTARIUS

THE ARROW THAT NEVER MISSES ITS TARGET
GOD'S ARROW ...


AT THE MOMENT ITS BEING STUDIED BY NACA* BUT...

FROM THE SITUATION, THIS HAD BEEN LAUNCHED FROM A SHIP BUT...
...WE CAN'T CONFIRM IT HAD BEEN LAUNCH BY THE JAPANESE PEOPLE

... WE DON'T HAVE ANY INTERES-TING RESULTS YET.

AN EXTREMELY ACCURATE SHOT WHICH HIT IT'S TARGET PRECISELY, THE SUPPLY

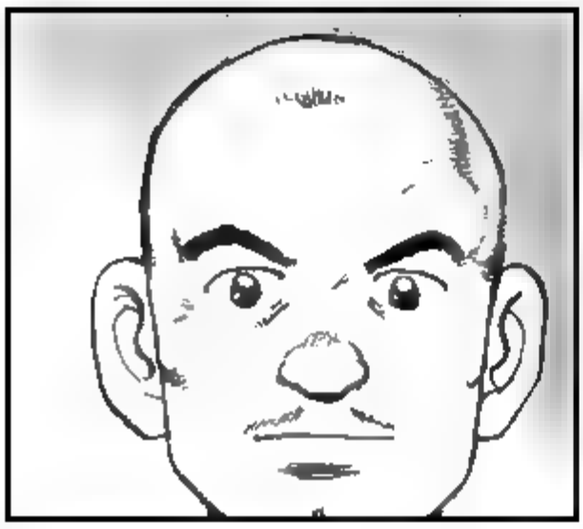
... IS THAT, AS IT HAD BEEN SAID IN THE WARNING MESSAGE, A SINGLE SHOT HAD BEEN FIRED
ALL WE KNOW ...

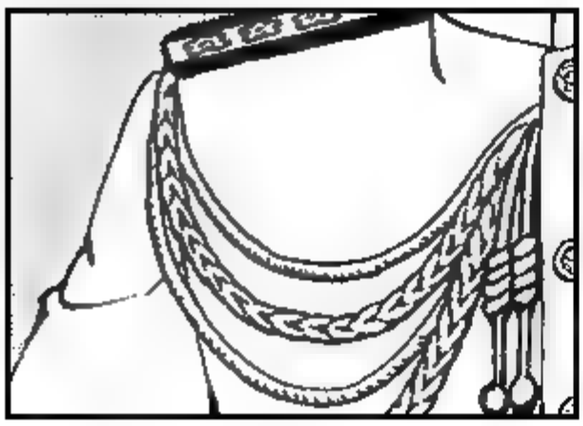
IF I UNDERSTAND IT CORRECTLY, OUR GOAL IS TO PLAY BAIT, IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT THIS NEW SHIP IS CAPABLE OF?
THAT IS ALL THE INFO HQ GAVE US
OFF

... OUR NAVY WOULD HAVE TO COMPLE-TELY CHANGE ITS STRA-TEGY
IF IT HAPPENS TO BE AN OPERATIONAL JAPANESE SHIP...

THIS SHIP ...
... IT'S OUR TASK AND NO ONE ELSES!!

STILL UNSA-TISFIED?
WHE-THER I'M SATISFIED OR NOT IS NOT THE RIGHT QUESTION ...





IF I WAS IN CIVIL CLOTHES, I'D PROBABALY WOULD HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BEFORE ARRIVING
AH ...
COMING TO SEE ME IN THAT UNIFORM, IT'S COURAGEOUS ...

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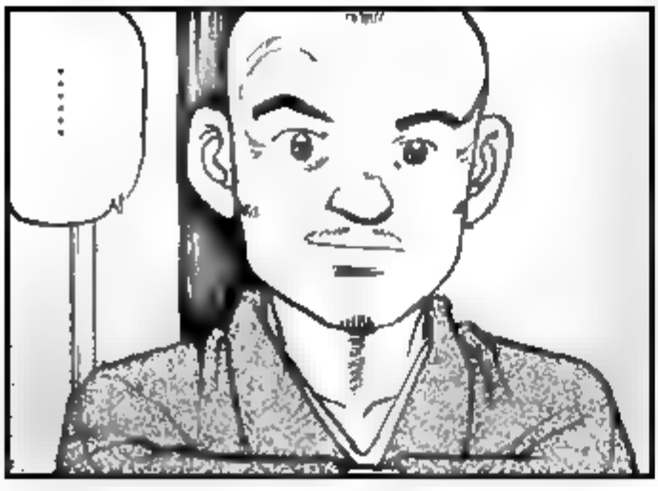
THE SPECIAL POLICE ...
... AND THE MILITARY POLICE ARE EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS

OK... WHERE IS LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER KUSAKA?

THIS ROOM IS FILLED WITH THE ODOR OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER KUSAKA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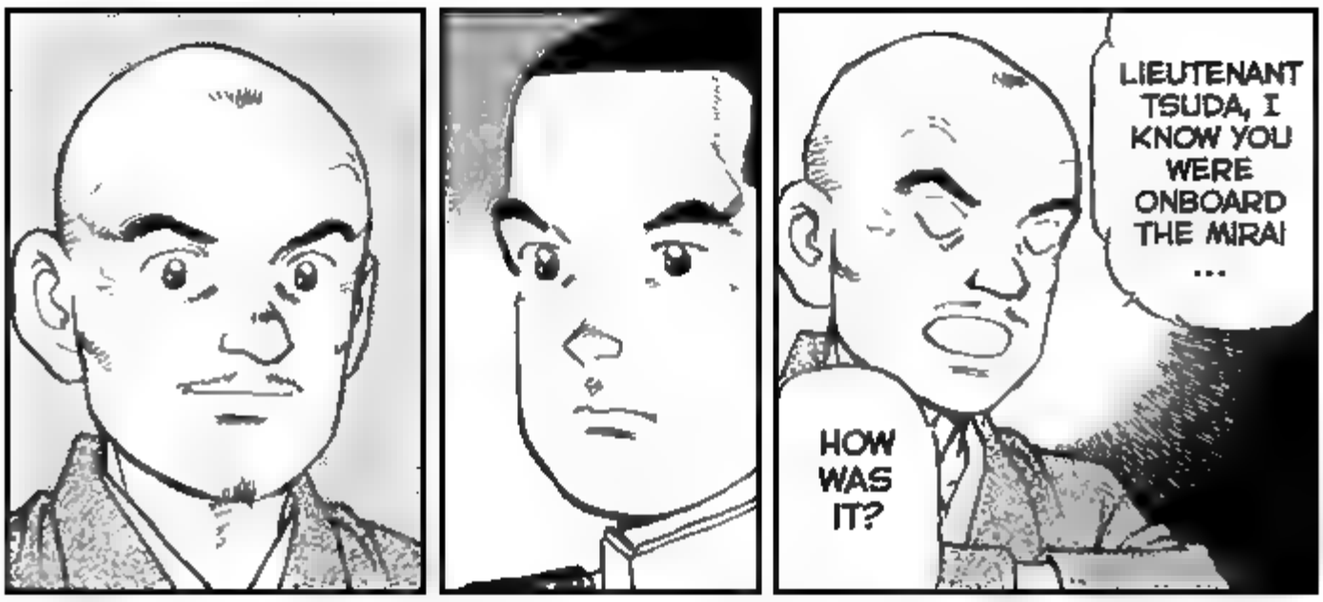
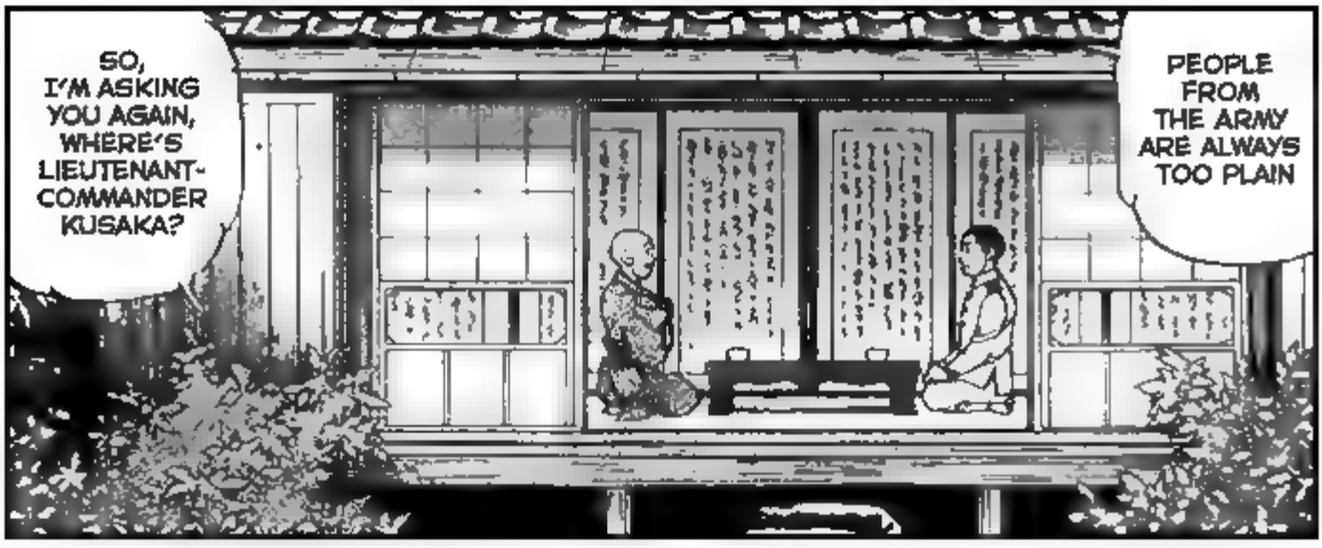

LIEUTENANT TSUDA, I KNOW YOU WERE ONBOARD THE MIRAI ...
HOW WAS IT?


SO, I'M ASKING YOU AGAIN, WHERE'S LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER KUSAKA?
PEOPLE FROM THE ARMY ARE ALWAYS TOO PLAIN

!...
I'LL TELL YOU, BUT AT ONE CONDITION

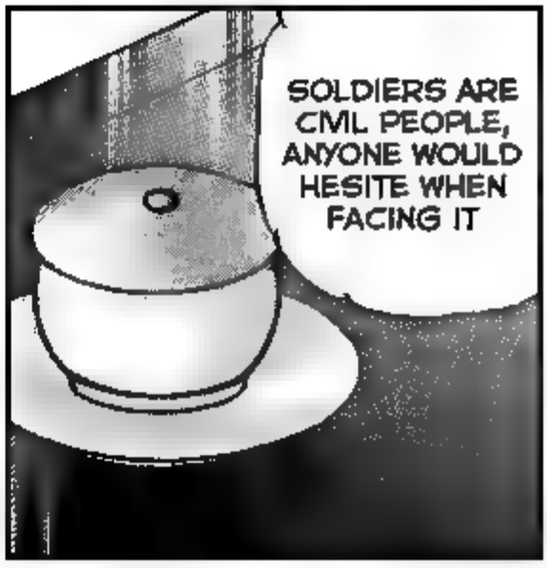
HE'S A VERY BUSY MAN, HE LEFT WITHOUT WAITING

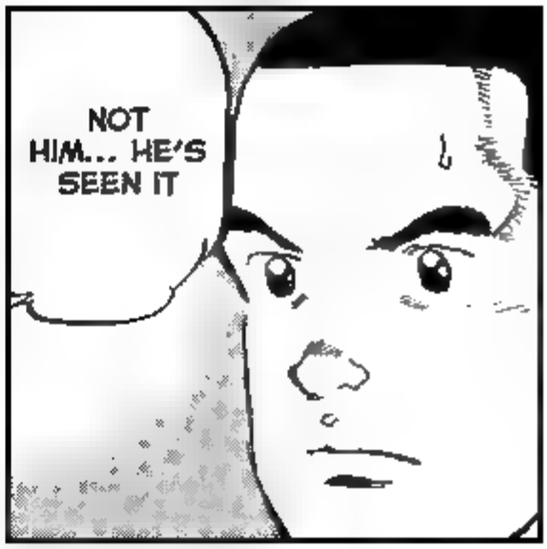
WHERE TO?

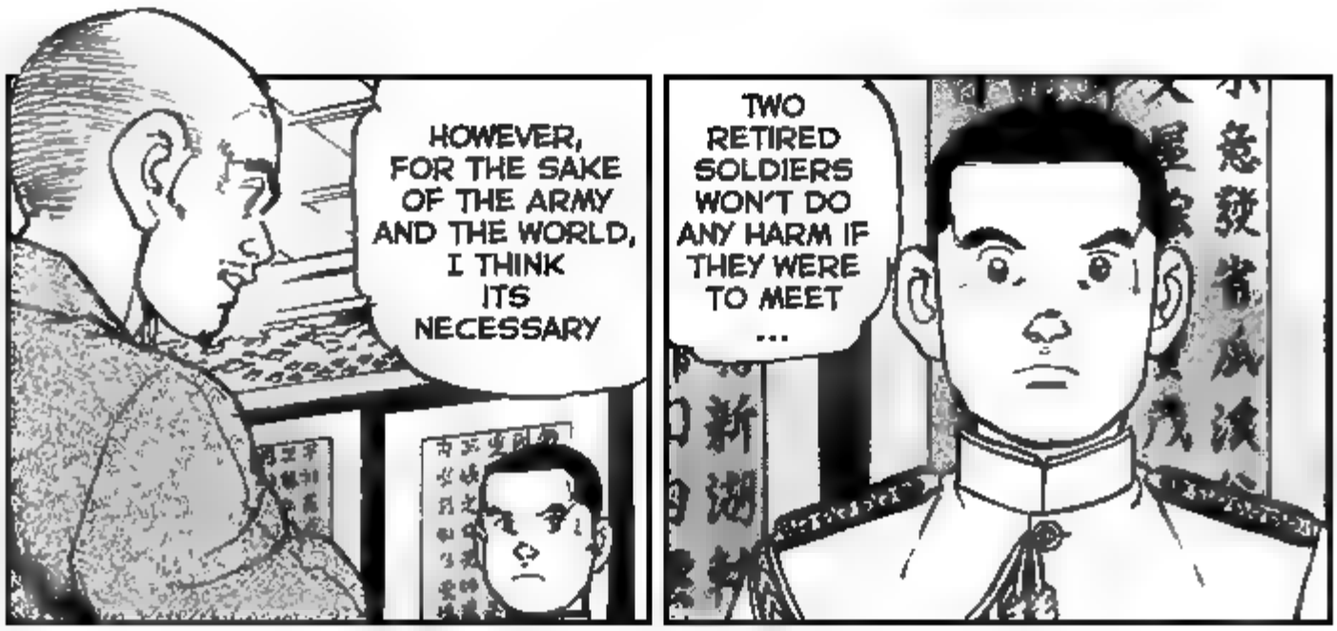
ADMIRAL MITSUMA-SA YONA! ...!!
I WANT TO MEET SOMEONE
HE WAS IN THE MARINE MINISTRY, THEN HE WAS PRIME MINISTER, BUT NOW HE'S RETIRED JUST LIKE ME
HE'S KNOWN FOR HATING THE ARMY
I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T WANT TO MEET YOU
...NO DOUBT THE ADMIRAL WOULDN'T HAVE FORGAVE YOU ABOUT THE INCI-DENTS IN MANCHURIA
I KNOW YOU TOO ARE AGAINST THIS WAR, AND THAT YOU'VE BEEN ISOLATED BUT ...
HE WAS STRONGLY AGAINST THE WAR WITH THE US, AND IF HE LOST IT, IT WAS BECAUSE OF YOU, AND THE ARMY

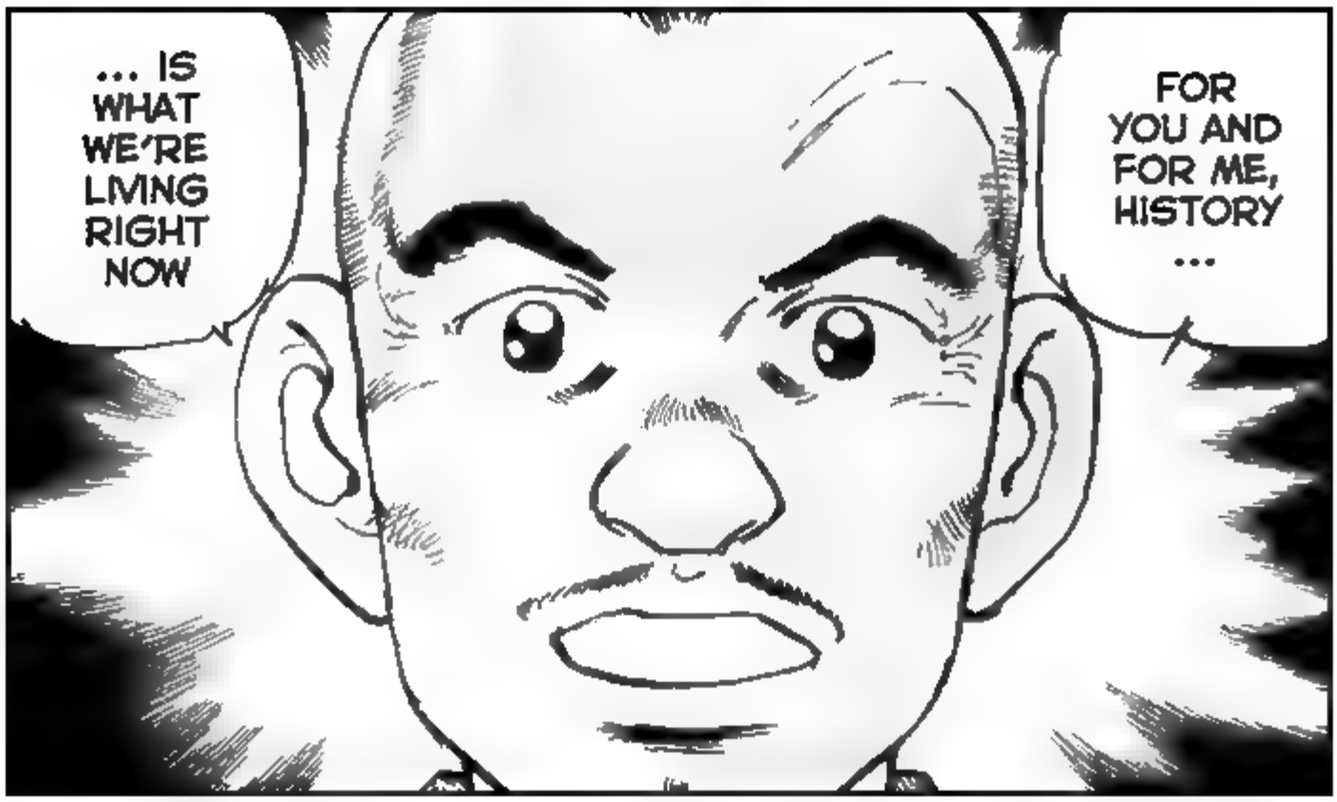
IT SEEMS YOU HESITATE WHEN FACING THE "KNOWLEDGE" OF THE MIRAI
KUSAKA... ONBOARD THE MIRAI, HE FOUND OUT HOW THIS WAR WILL END AND HOW THE WORLD WILL BE IN 60 YEARS ...
YOU CAN IMAGINE MY SURPRISE

FACING THE TRUTH ALONE, FACING THE TRAGEDY THAT WILL HIT THIS COUNTRY... YOU NEED AN INCREDIBLE WILL
THIS IS SOMETHING I KNOW FOR SURE


SOLDIERS ARE CIVIL PEOPLE, ANYONE WOULD HESITE WHEN FACING IT


NOT HIM... HE'S SEEN IT


HOWEVER, FOR THE SAKE OF THE ARMY AND THE WORLD, I THINK ITS NECESSARY
TWO RETIRED SOLDIERS WON'T DO ANY HARM IF THEY WERE TO MEET ...

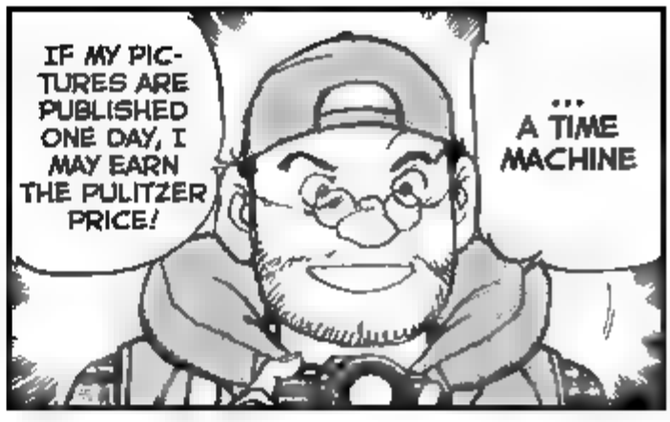

... IS WHAT WE'RE LIVING RIGHT NOW
FOR YOU AND FOR ME, HISTORY ...

... WE'LL ARRIVE IN YOKOSUKA IN 3 DAYS
IF EVERY-THING IS AS SMOOTH AS IT IS NOW...

BUT AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT AMERICAN PATROLS?
OR A PATROL-LING SUB-MARINE ...?

YOU'RE MISTAKEN... FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS PERIOD, THIS SHIP IS LIKE...
KATAGIRI... WHAT'S THE POINT WITH TAKING ALL THESE PICTURES... WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF WE'LL GO HOME ONE DAY

WHAT WILL YOU DO IF WE MEET THE US ARMED FORCES?
WE WOULD HAVE LOCALIZED IT FIRST, NO WOR-RIES


IF MY PIC-TURES ARE PUBLISHED ONE DAY, I MAY EARN THE PULITZER PRICE!
... A TIME MACHINE

EVEN A MINE COULDN'T STOP YOU, RIGHT?
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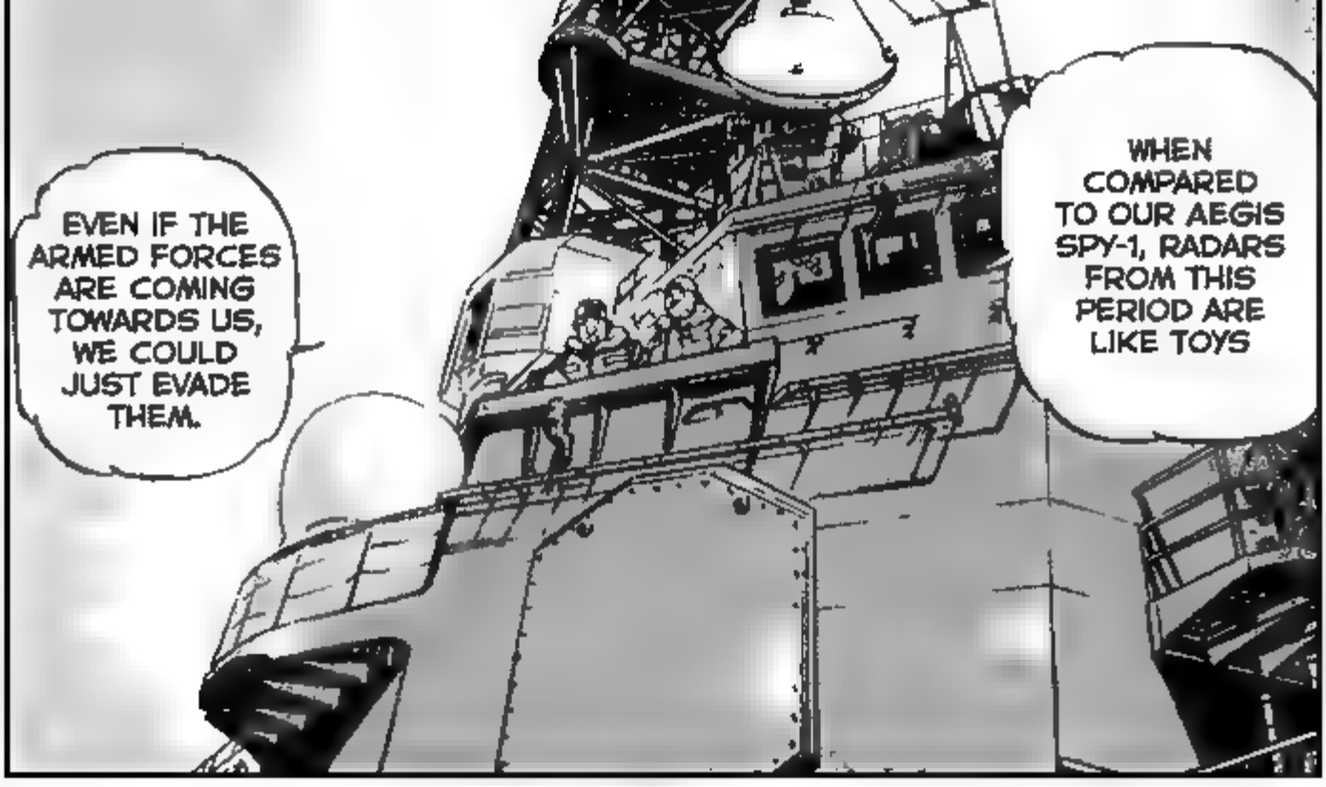
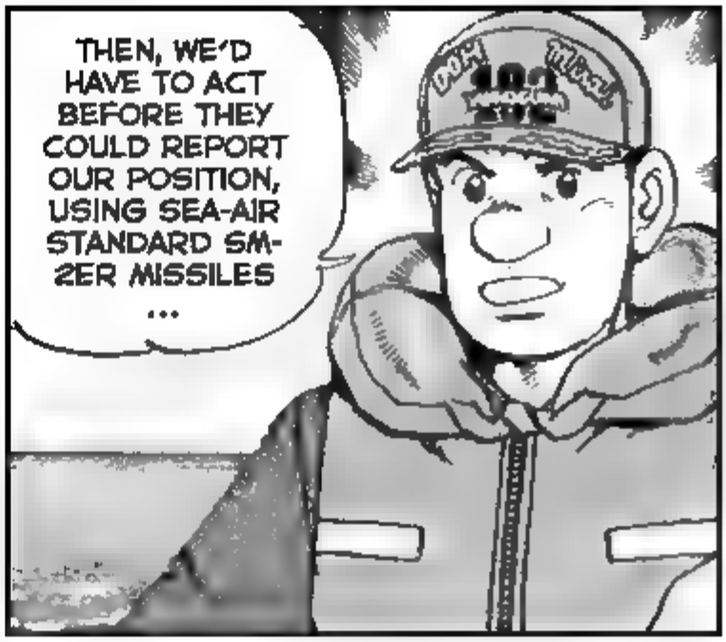

EVEN IF THE ARMED FORCES ARE COMING TOWARDS US, WE COULD JUST EVADE THEM.
WHEN COMPARED TO OUR AEGIS SPY-1, RADARS FROM THIS PERIOD ARE LIKE TOYS

BUT YET, WHAT IF THEY CAME HERE?

AND WHAT ABOUT THE AIRCRAFTS ?
WE ONLY NEED TO GET OUT OF THEIR PATROL ROUTE

AND ABOUT THE SUBMA-RINES, THANKS TO OUR PAS-SIVE SONAR QQS-4...
... THEY'RE LIKE WAN-DERING AIMLESSLY


THEN, WE'D HAVE TO ACT BEFORE THEY COULD REPORT OUR POSITION, USING SEA-AIR STANDARD SM-2ER MISSILES ...

IN 60 MINUTES, THEY'LL BE IN OUR SIGHT!!
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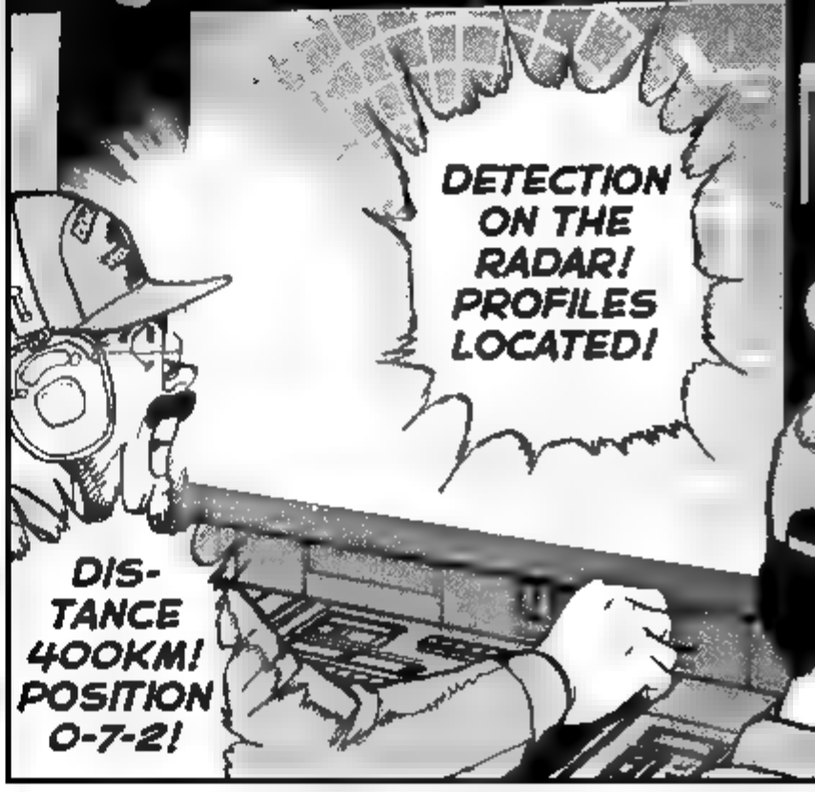
DETECTION ON THE RADAR! PROFILES LOCATED!
DIS-TANCE 400KM! POSITION 0-7-2!

ALTI-TUDE : 2500M, STABLE
ESTI-MATED SPEED: 350 KM/H!

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Sorry know cute anime pictures on this recruitment page this time we will show you the three things you need to help our group.
First a Computer hope i don't need to explain that one.
Second you need photoshop .
You don't need to be a pro at it we will teach you the basic things that you will need to learn in order to edit manga.
Finally you need time, it takes around two hours to either typeset or clean something so you must be willing to give up some free time in order to give back to the community.
That's it thats all you need to join the group so please apply cause we really do need help~!

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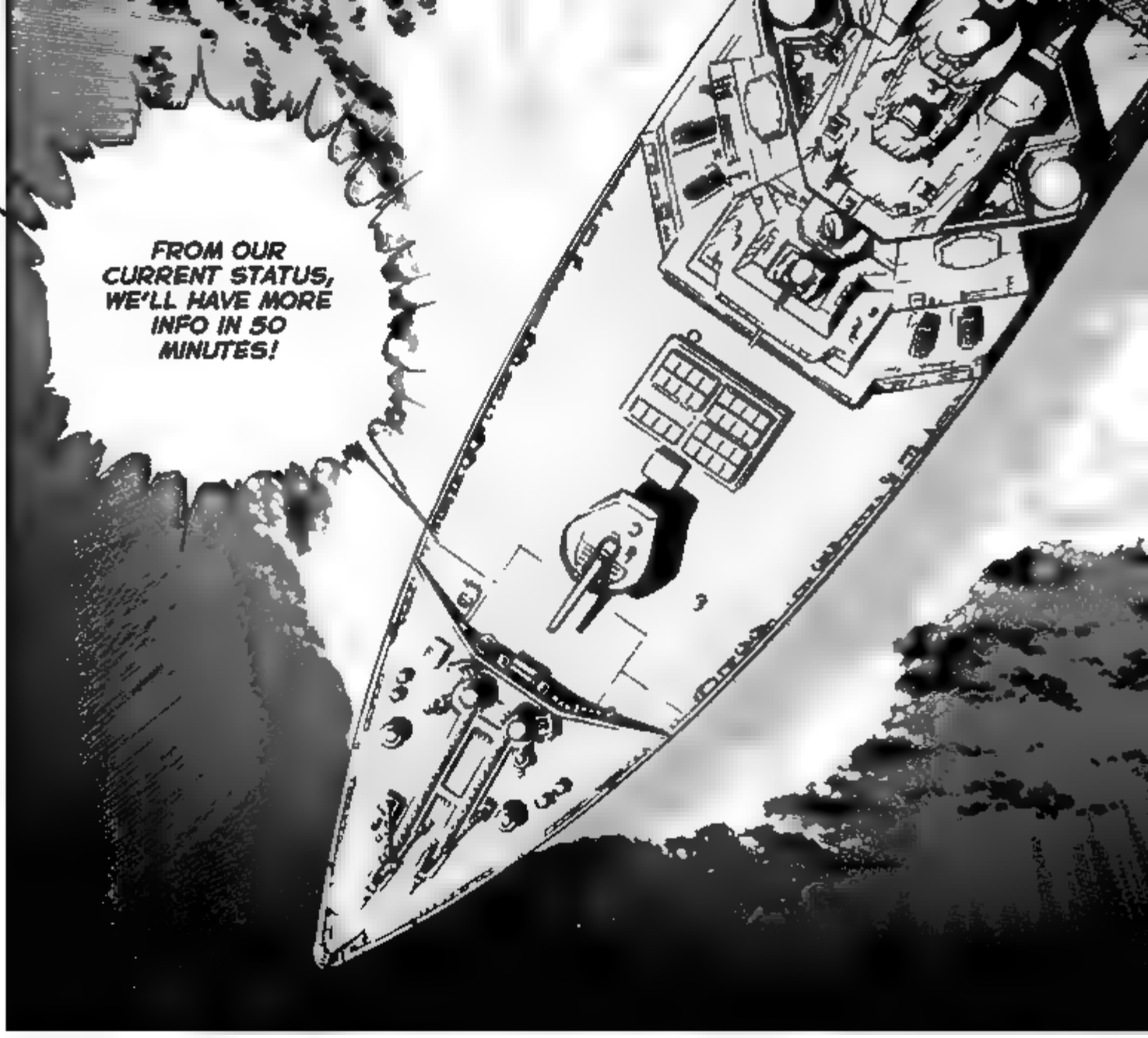
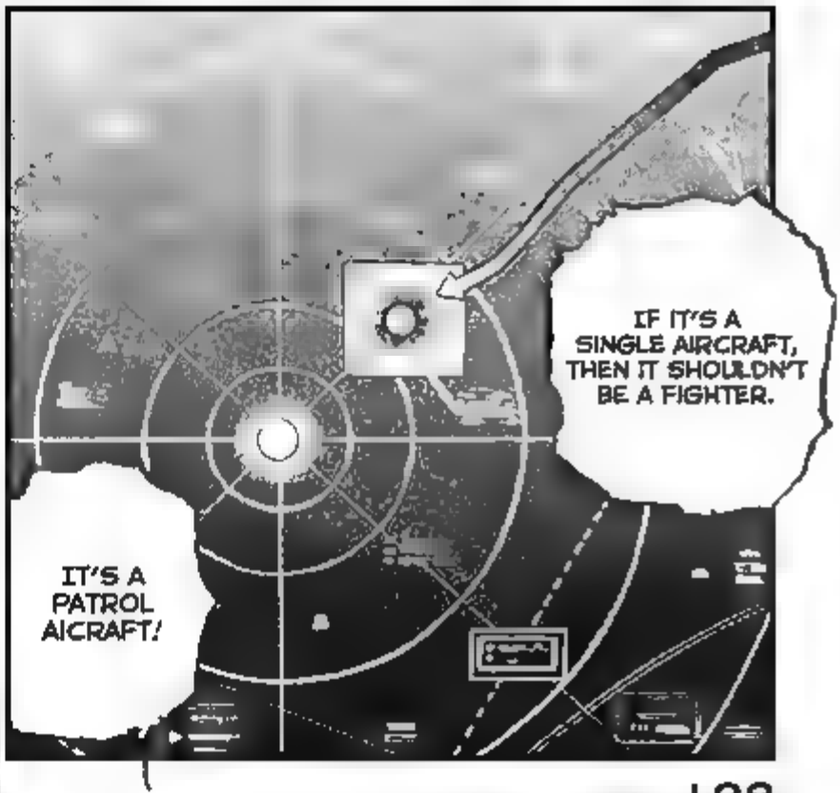
I 21GO

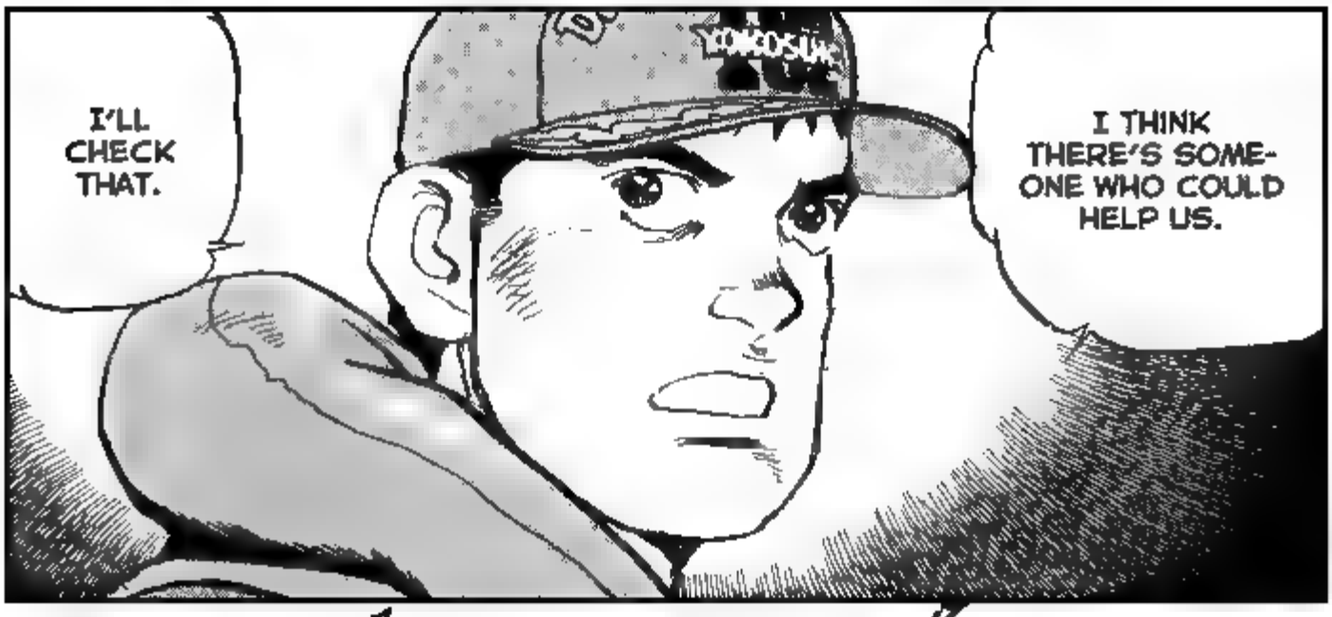

FROM OUR CURRENT STATUS, WE'LL HAVE MORE INFO IN 50 MINUTES!

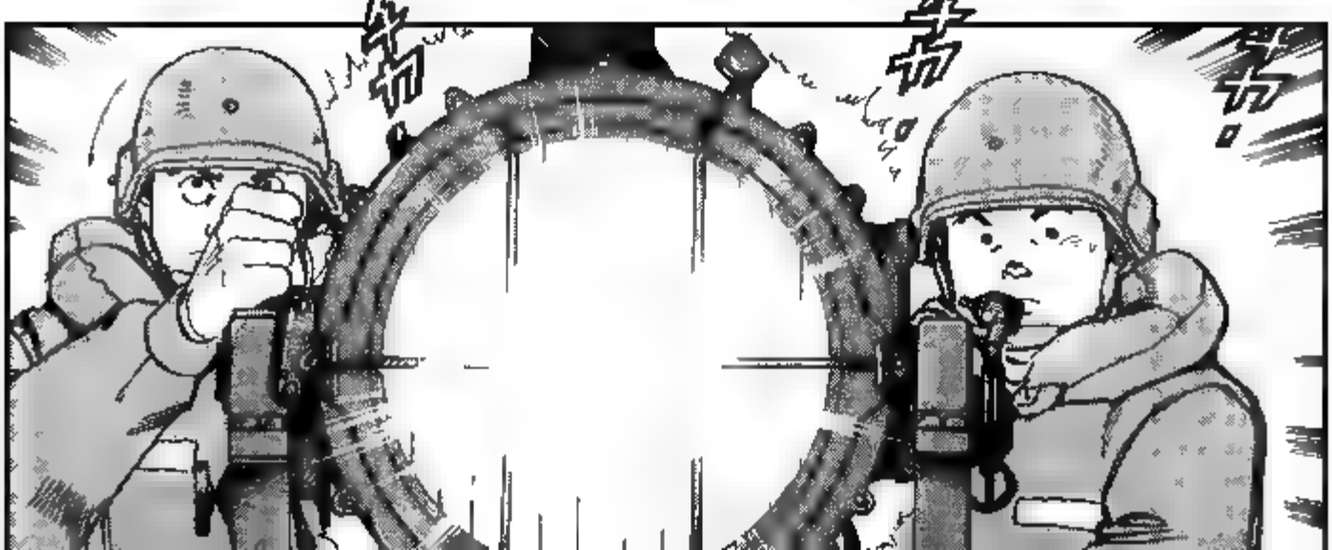
BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S AN AMERICAN OR A JAPANESE AIRCRAFT.

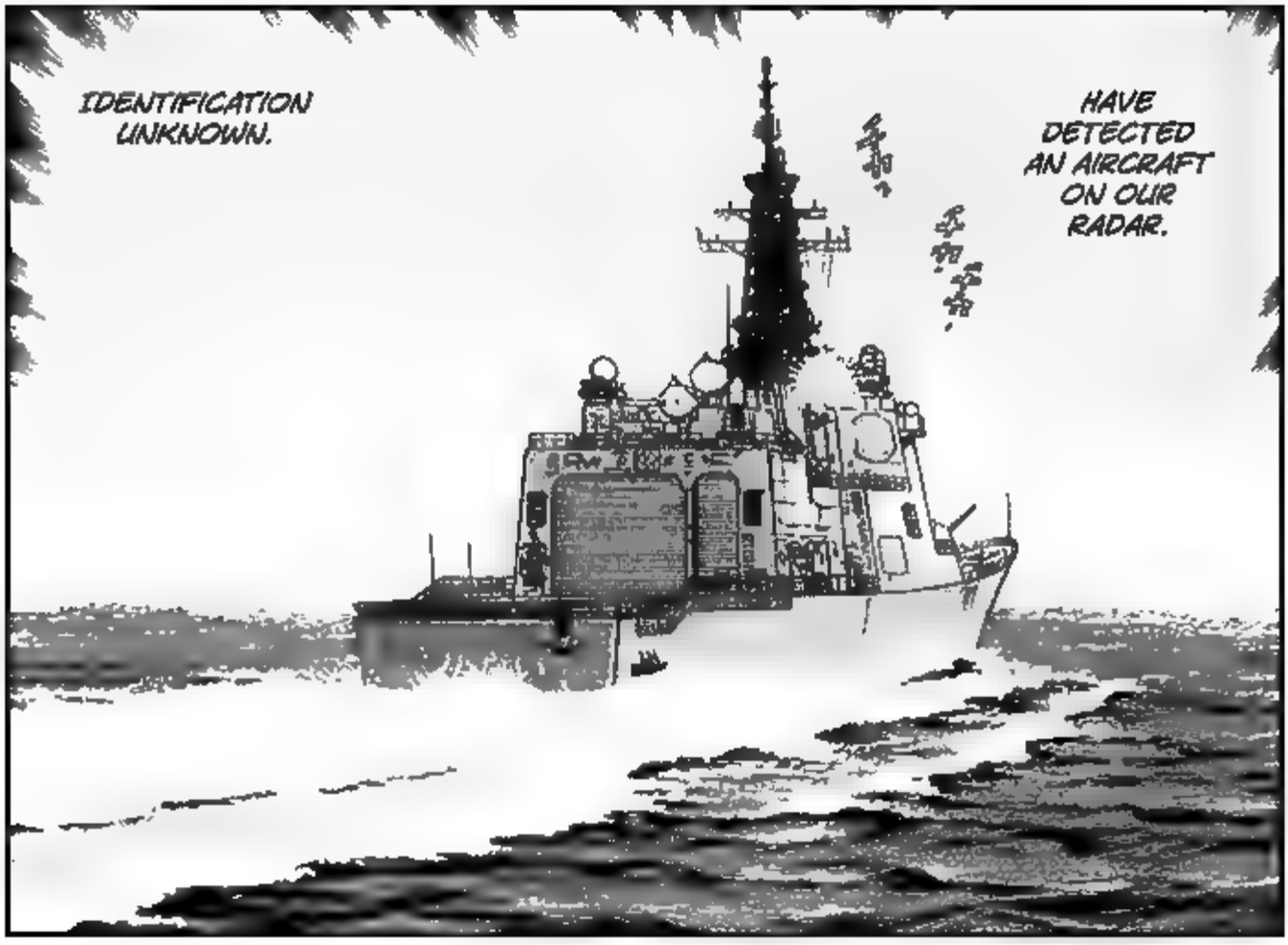

IF IT'S A SINGLE AIRCRAFT, THEN IT SHOULDN'T BE A FIGHTER.
IT'S A PATROL AICRAFT!

AT THIS PERIOD, THE SIGNALS AREN'T DISTINCT.
THE ONLY WAY TO CHECK IS A VISUAL CONFIR-MATION...
CAPTAIN, I'M ASKING PERMISSION TO CHANGE OUR ROUTE!!
C.I.C. TO DECK!!
IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN WE'LL SEE IT...
...IT WILL ALREADY BE TOO LATE. IT'LL REPORT US...
EVEN SLIGHTLY, BUT IT COULD REDUCE THE PROBABILITY OF CONTACT.

MOREOVER, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF AIRCRAFT IT IS. IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS.
I DON'T WANT TO REVIVE WHAT HAPPENED IN OGASAWARA...
IF WE SEND THE HELICOPTER, WE COULD MAKE THE IDENTIFICA-TION.
IF THIS IS AN AMERICAN AICRAFT, IT COULD ALWAYS SEND A RADIO WARNING.


I'LL CHECK THAT.
I THINK THERE'S SOME-ONE WHO COULD HELP US.

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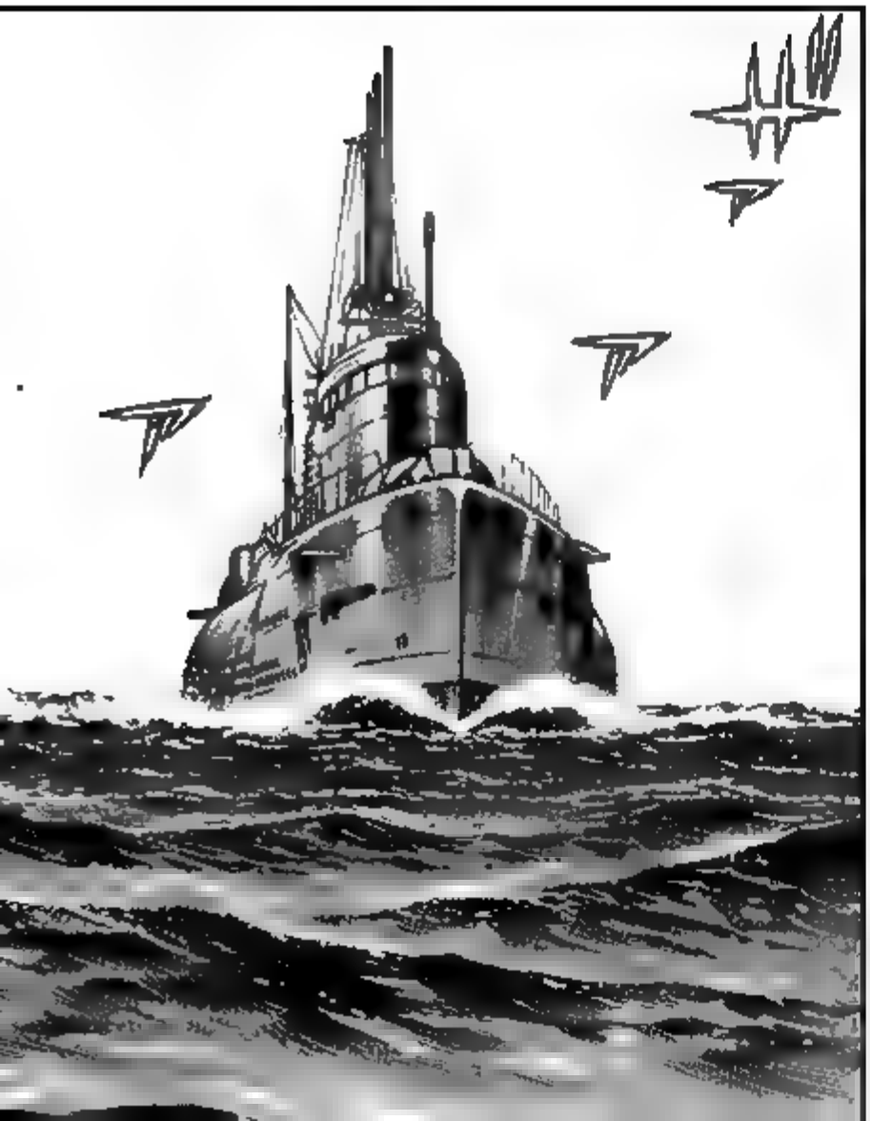
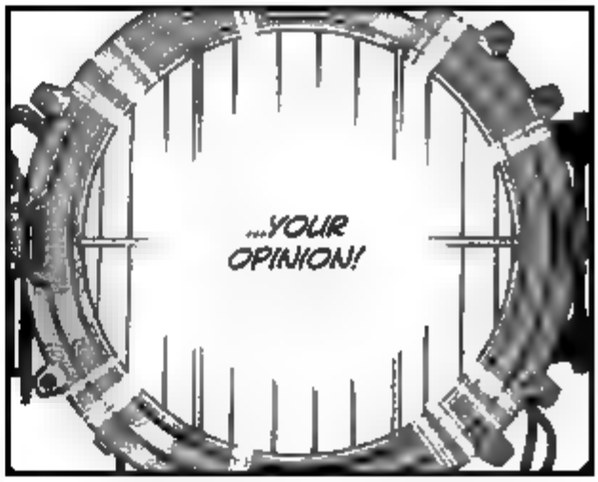
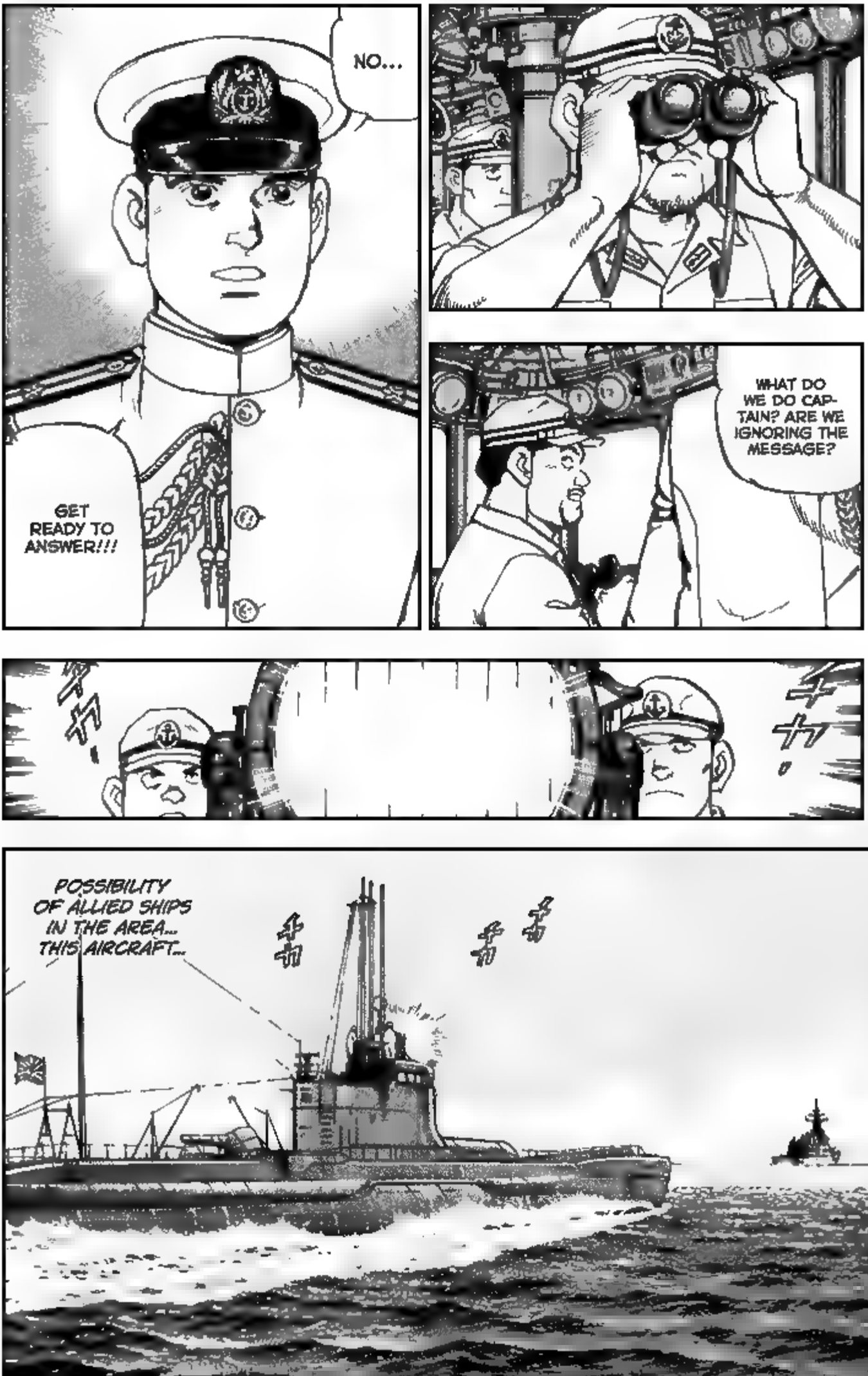
HAVE DETECTED AN AIRCRAFT ON OUR RADAR.



ARE WANTING TO KNOW...


...YOUR OPINION!


NO...
GET READY TO ANSWER!!!
WHAT DO WE DO CAPTAIN? ARE WE IGNORING THE MESSAGE?
POSSIBILITY OF ALLIED SHIPS IN THE AREA... THIS AIRCRAFT...

...IS PROBABLY A JAPANESE ONE.

WELL...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YANAGI?!
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A JAPANESE AIRCRAFT ...
THERE'S NO CERTAINTY BUT...

TO MAKE A PATROL AICRAFT TAKE OFF, THERE MUST BE A CRUISER OR A SUBMARINE...
THE FRONT LINE IS FAR FROM HERE, AT THE SOUTH OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. AND AS WE KNOW THE JAPANESE NAVY WASN'T DOING TIGHT SEA SURVEILLANCE, I DON'T THINK IT'S NORMAL.

WE HAVE TO MEET THEIR STAFF OFFICER.

ONLY 40 MINUTES UNTIL VISUAL CONTACT...
WITH KIKUCHI, IT'S UNLIKELY THERE IS A CALCULATION ERROR...

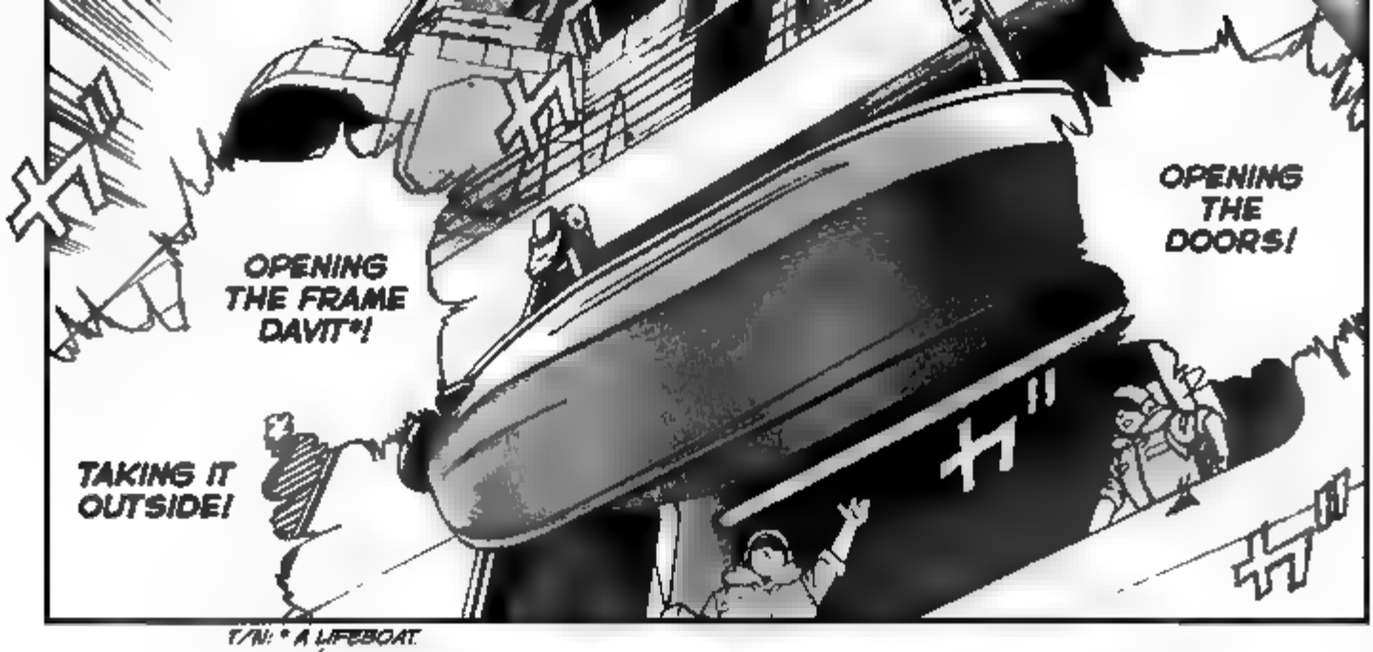
!!
WHAT...?

CAPTAIN, I'M ASKING PERMISSION TO USE A LIFEBOAT!!

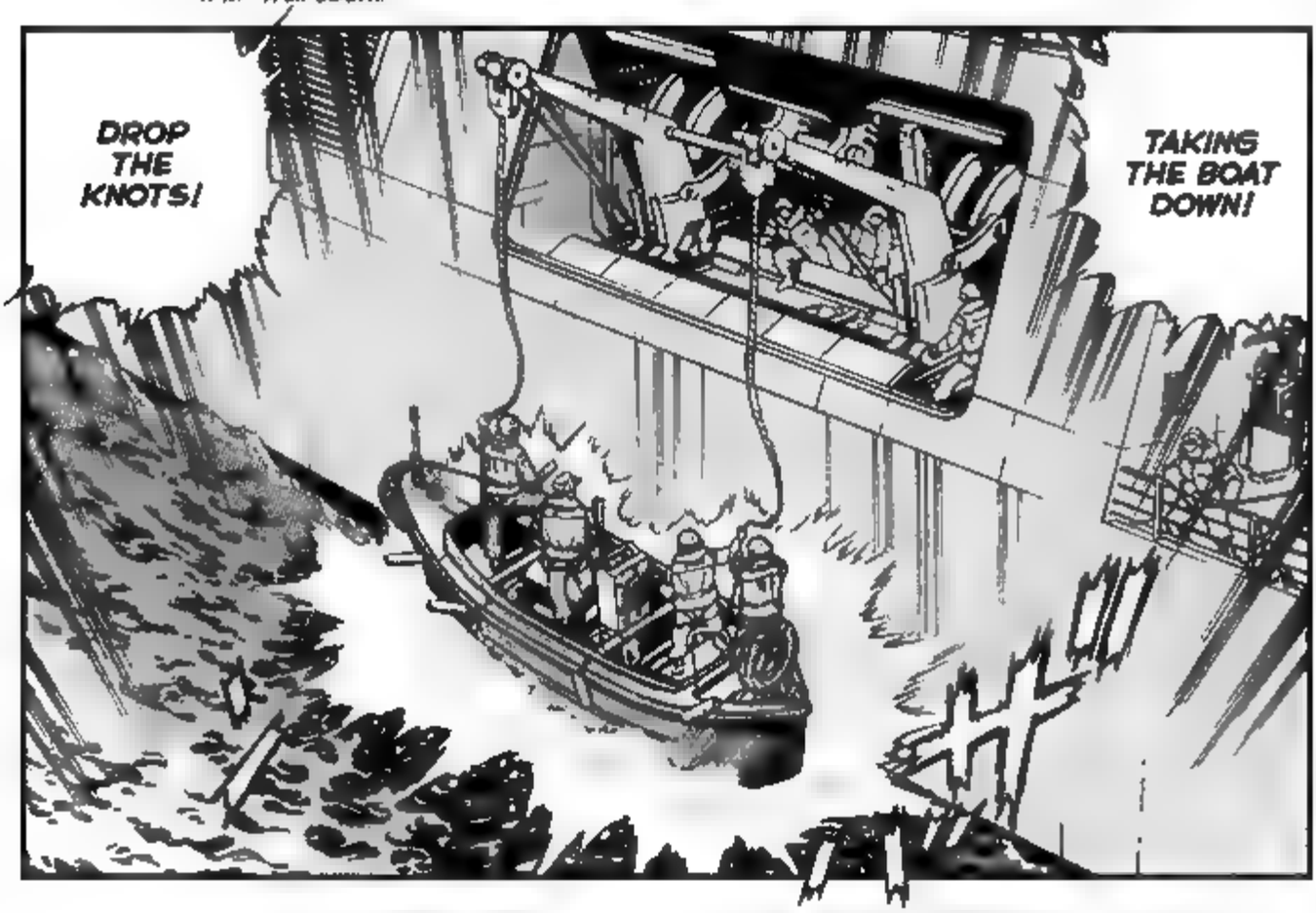
IT'S RISKY BUT...

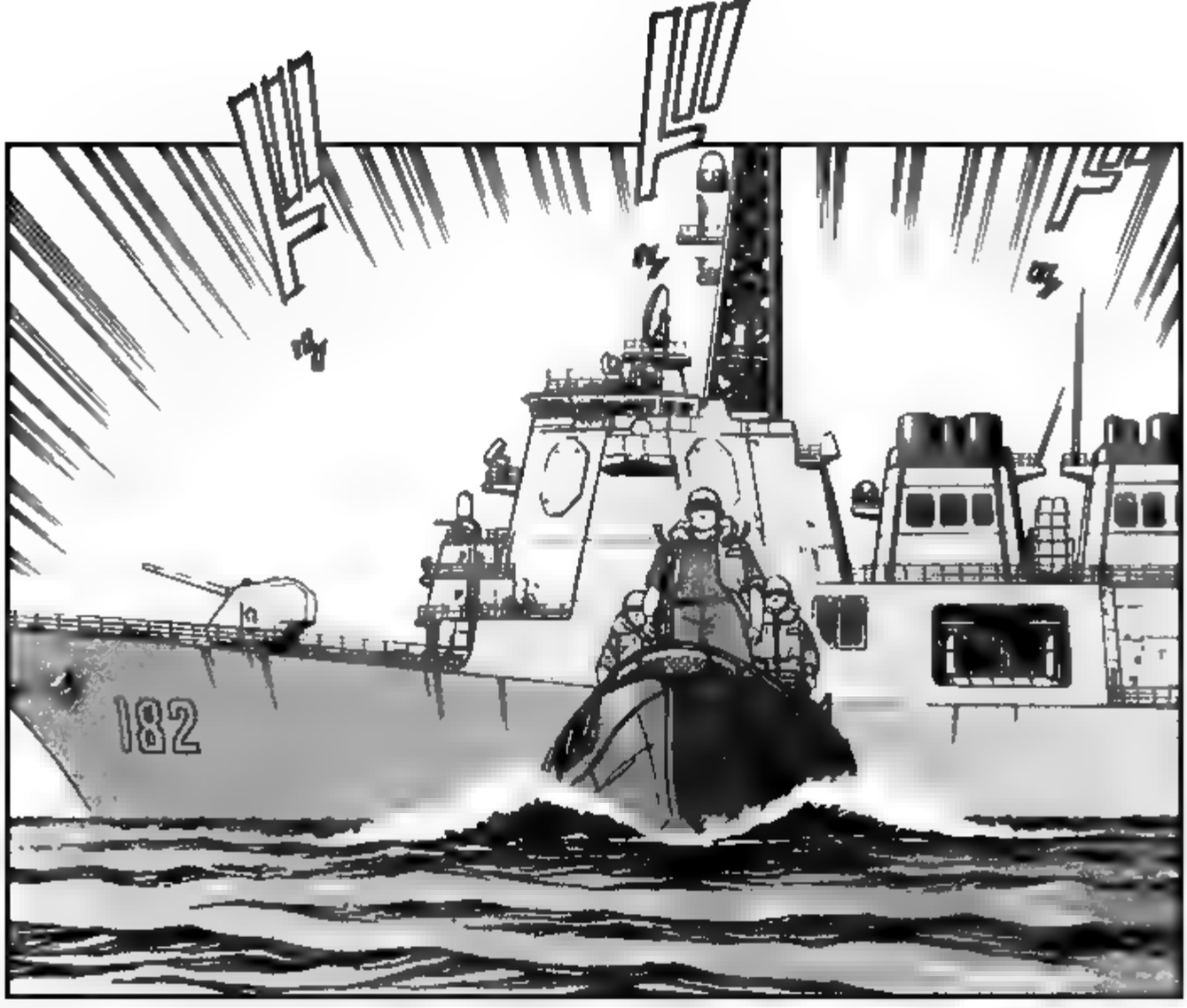
IT'S NECESSARY FOR NOW, AND FOR LATER TOO.

DO IT QUICKLY.



T/N: * A LIFEBOAT.

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KADOMATSU SECOND-IN-COMMAND OF THE MIRAI, AND TWO OF THE CREW MEMBERS!

MORE-OVER...
IT ONLY TOOK THEM 3 MINUTES OF PREPA-RATION!

...THEIR LIFEBOAT TOO IS VERY FAST!!

WE'RE ASKING PERMISSION TO COME ON BOARD!!

WE DON'T HAVE ANY REASONS NOT TO ACCEPT.

ARE WE GETTING READY WITH THE CANNONS?

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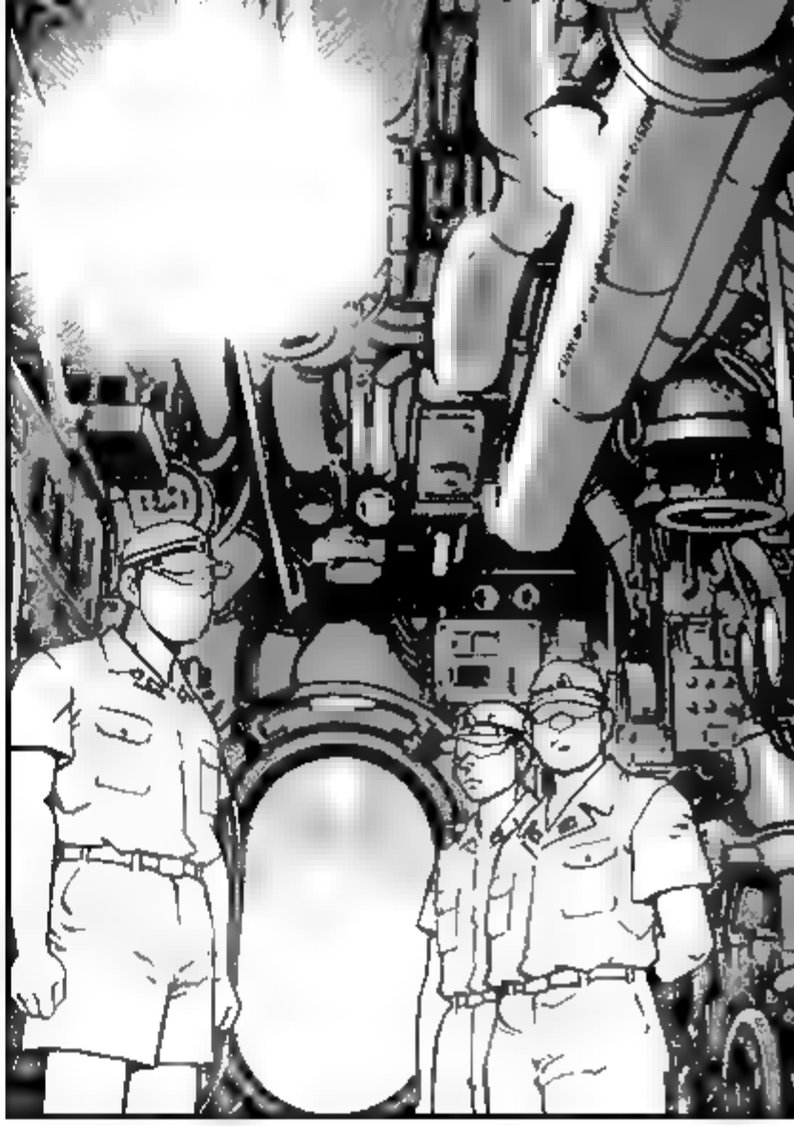
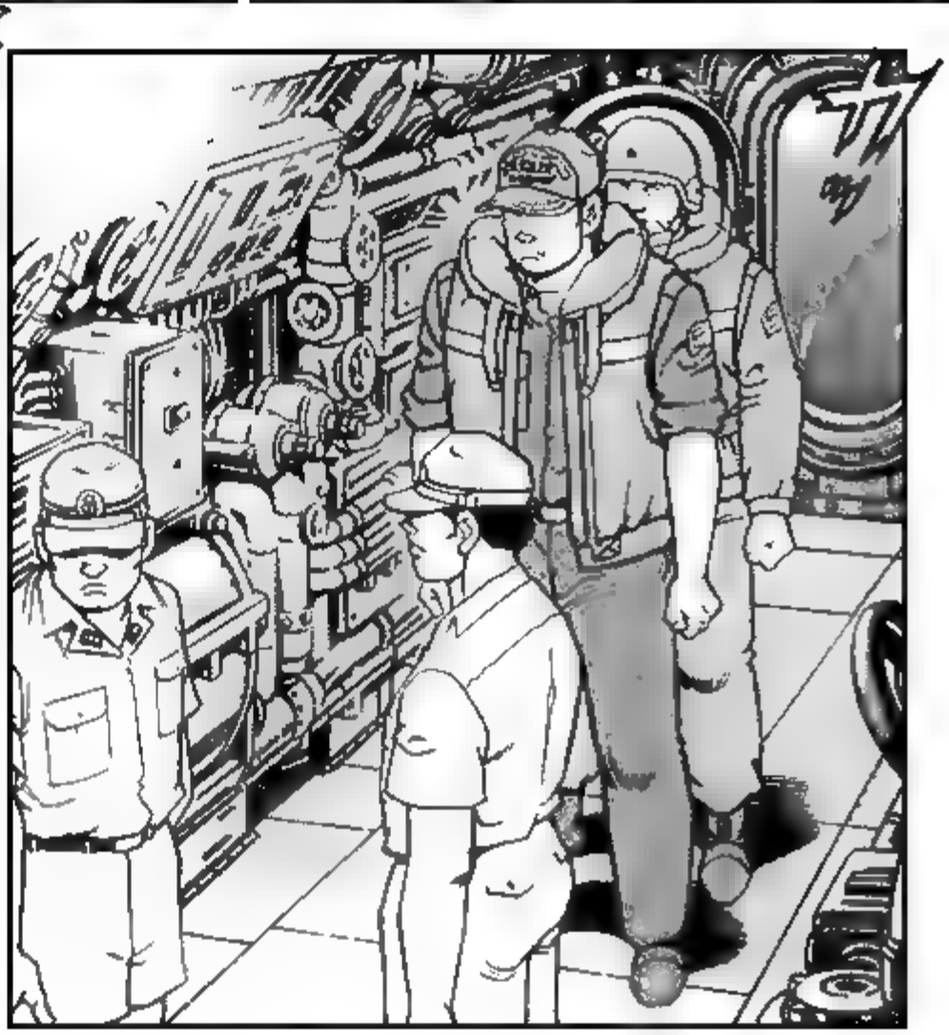
YOKOSUKA



HERE IS THE OFFICER'S ROOM.



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LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME, I'D LIKE YOU TO GIVE ME THE NAMES OF THE SHIPS OPERATING IN THIS AREA.

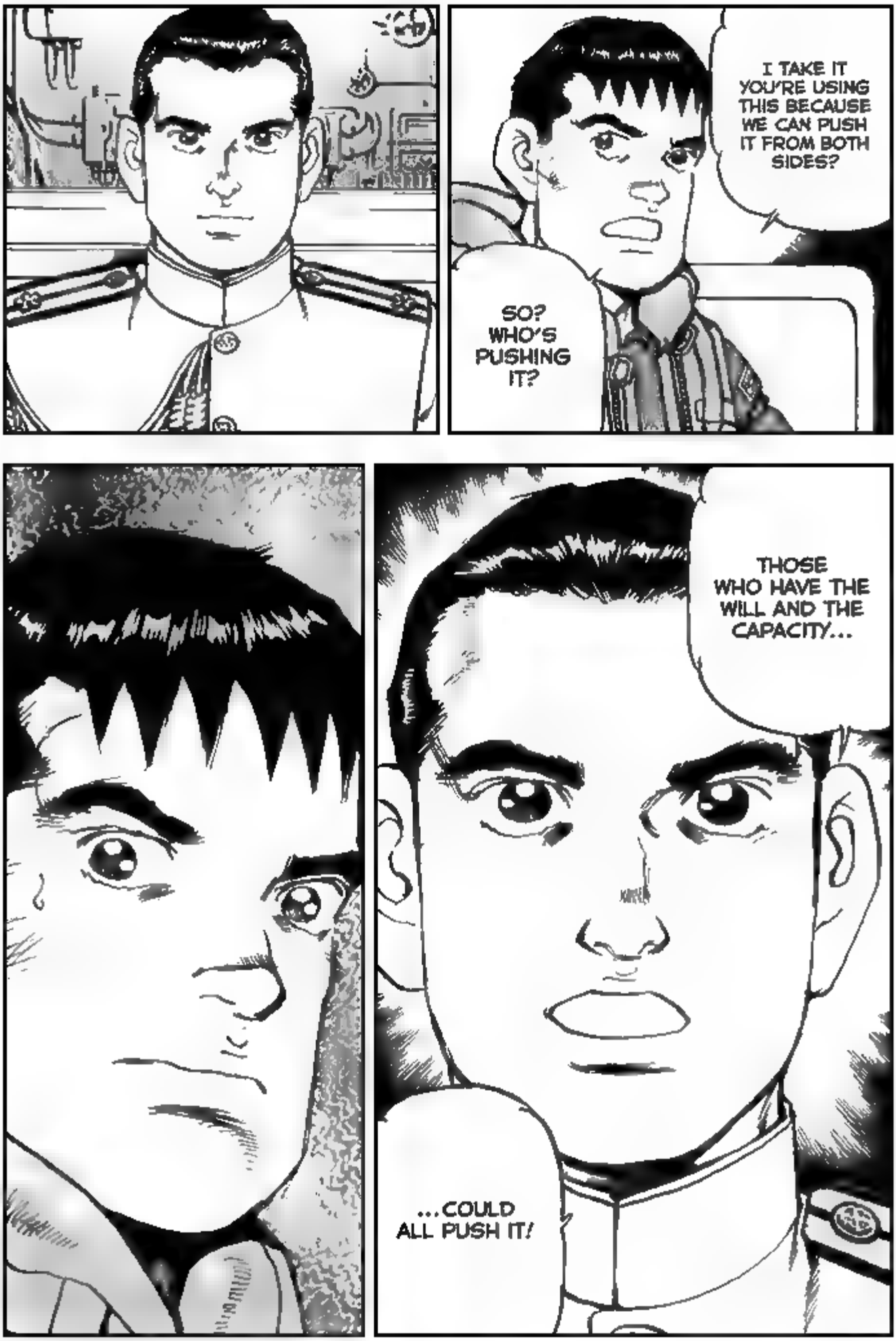
STAFF OF THE NAVY!!!
COM-MANDER TAKI...

WE THANK YOU FOR THE ESCORT YOU PROVIDE US.

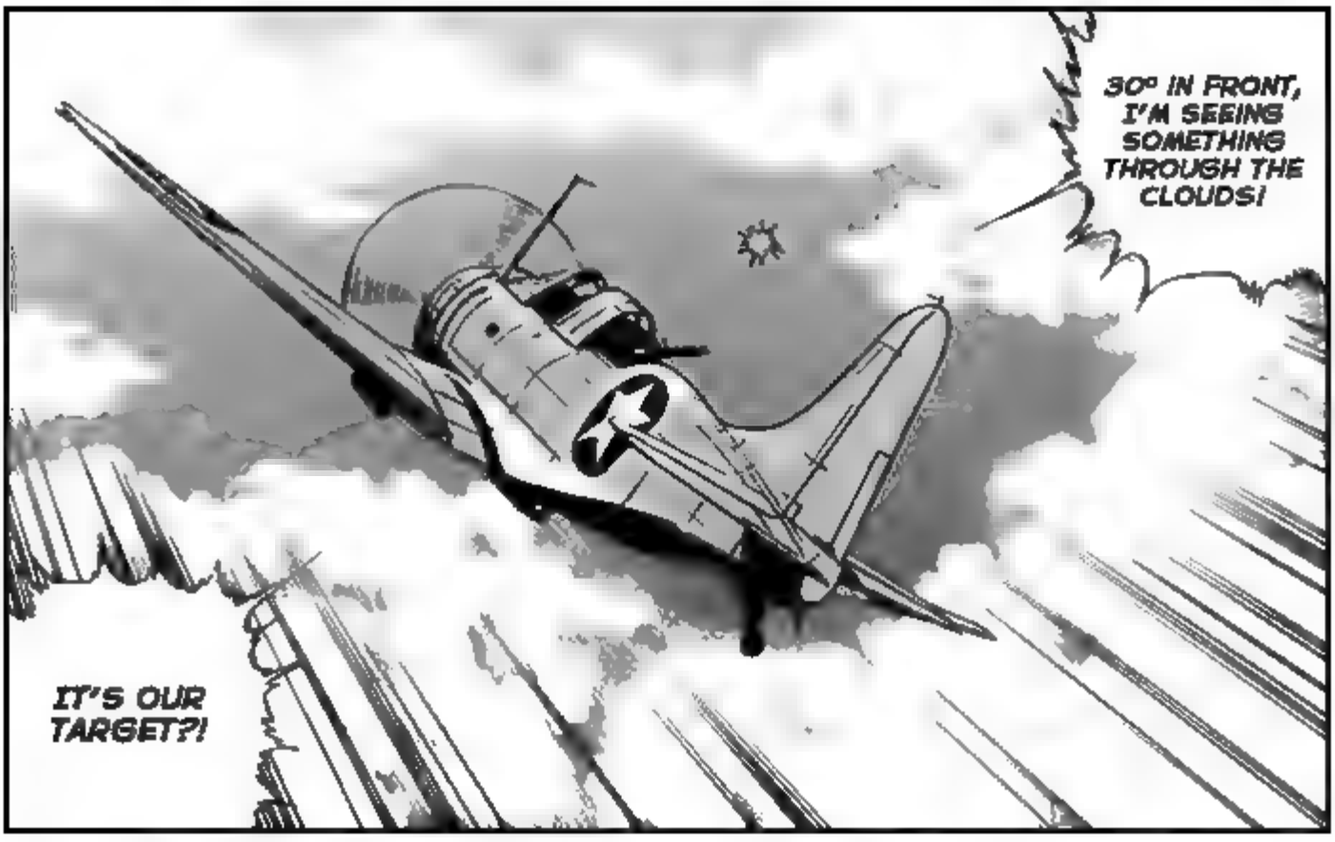
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T REVEAL THIS INFORMATION TO YOU.
NO ONE TOLD ME YOU WERE AN ALLIED SHIP.
...THEN YOU CAN TAKE IT DOWN...
IF THIS UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IS WORRYING YOU...
WHAT KIND OF GAME ARE YOU PLAYING?!

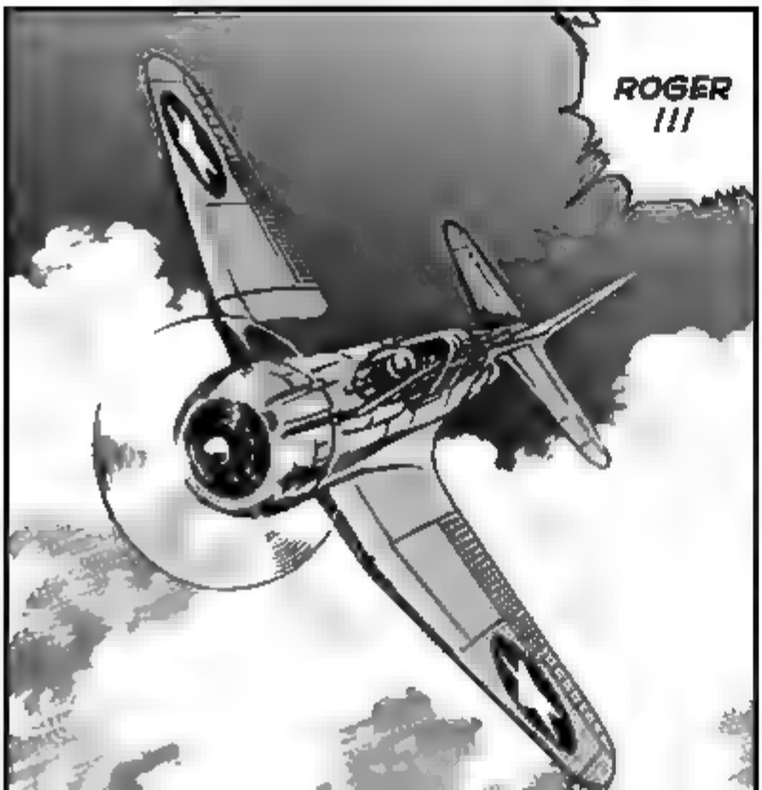
...WHAT IS IT DOING THIS FAR FROM THE FRONT LINES?
AND YOU KNOW WHAT? HE'S WONDERING SOMETHING. IF THE AIRAFT IS JAPANESE, THEN...
CHIEF PETTY OFFICER YANAGI KNOWS THE HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC WAR BY HEART.
ESPECIALLY, HE'S AT HIS BEST WITH THE IMPERIAL NAVY, AND HE COULD TELL YOU HOW MANY MOLES ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO HAS.
DO YOU WANT THE U.S. NAVY TO FIND US?!
WHY ARE YOU LYING TO US?!
WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?!
IF HE WANTED TO SINK US, THEN HE COULD HAVE DONE SO IN TRUK, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SAFER AND EASIER.
I'M SURE THESE AREN'T ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO ORDERS.

...UN-ARMED.
I'M KIND OF SURPRISED... ARE YOU REALLY SOLDIERS?
YOU'RE GETTING ONBOARD OF AN UNKNOWN SHIP, NOT NECESSARILY FRIENDLY
IT MUST BE THE CHIEF OF THE ARMY NAGANO, OR THE MARINE MINISTER, SHIMADA...
PEOPLE AGAINST YAMAMOTO AT THE TOP.
CERTAINLY, THERE ARE PEOPLE INSIDE THE IMPERIAL NAVY, THAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE MIRAI SUNK.
AND YOU'RE WORKING FOR THEM.
NO OFFENSE BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION, NOR WOULD THEY HAVE THE INTELLI-GENCE TO USE IT WISELY.
DO YOU KNOW THE EXPRES-SION "SWING-ING DOORS"?


I TAKE IT YOU'RE USING THIS BECAUSE WE CAN PUSH IT FROM BOTH SIDES?
SO? WHO'S PUSHING IT?
THOSE WHO HAVE THE WILL AND THE CAPACITY...
...COULD ALL PUSH IT!

CHIEF!!!


30° IN FRONT, I'M SEEING SOMETHING THROUGH THE CLOUDS!
IT'S OUR TARGET?!


ROGER !!!

GOOD, LOWER THE ALTITUDE, AND LET'S MAKE IT A RECON.

...YOU CAN'T LEAVE.
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND...
IF THIS IS AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT, YOU'LL BE TARGETED TOO.
WHAT?
!?
YOUR EGO IS MAKING ME SICK. DON'T WORRY, I DON'T WANT TO DIE WITH YOU. GOODBYE!

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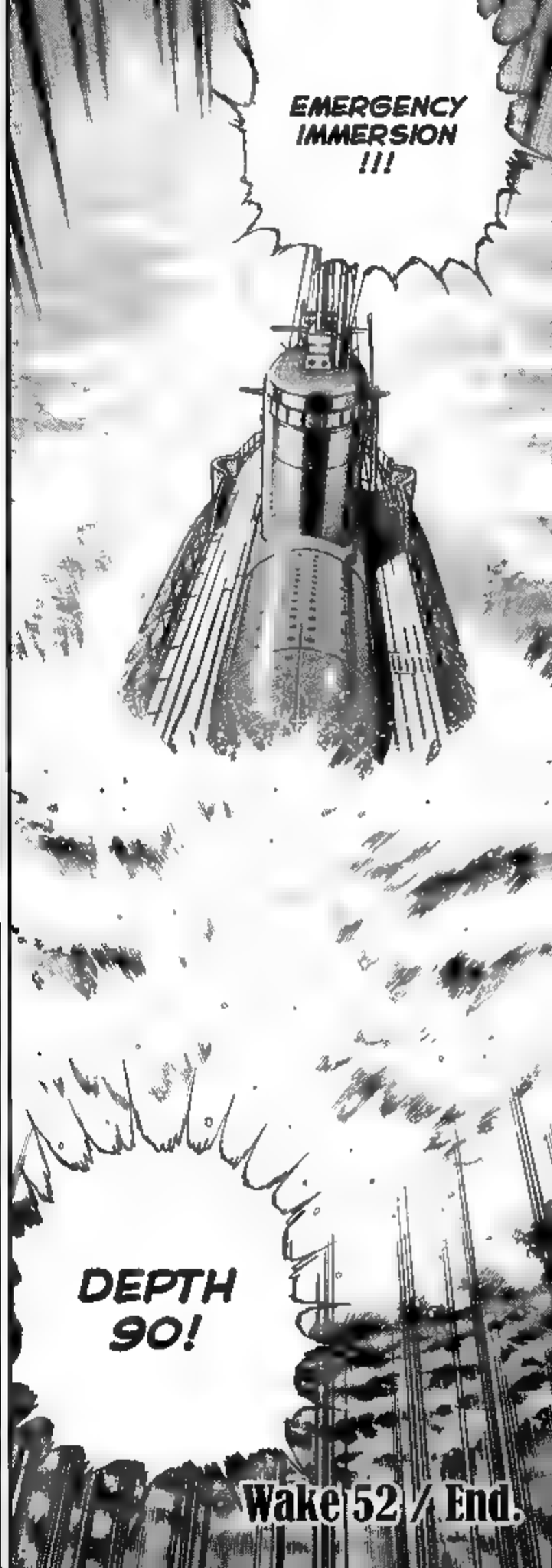
ME EITHER, I DON'T INTEND TO DIE WITH YOUR SHIP.



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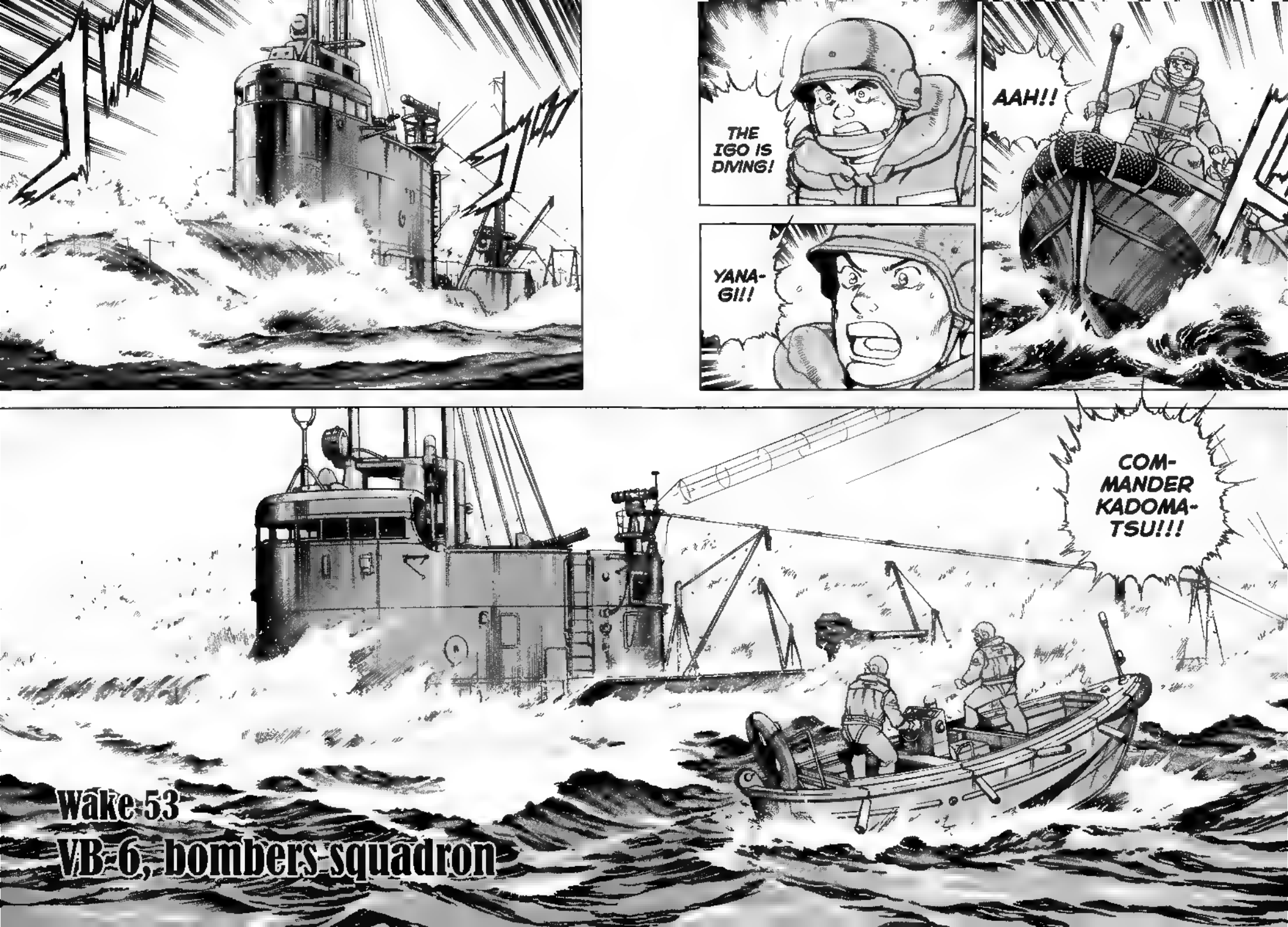
Post on our forum or Irc channel for more info or just talk to staff.

Sorry know cute anime pictures on this recruitment page this time we will show you the three things you need to help our group.
First a Computer hope i don't need to explain that one.
Second you need photoshop .
You don't need to be a pro at it we will teach you the basic things that you will need to learn in order to edit manga.
Finally you need time, it takes around two hours to either typeset or clean something so you must be willing to give up some free time in order to give back to the community.
That's it thats all you need to join the group so please apply cause we really do need help~!

I UNDERSTAND NOW...
THE APPROACHING AICRAFT IS AMERICAN
IF THIS SHIP IS YOUR COUNTRY ...
... THEN I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T EVER SEE IT AGAIN
I'VE SENT MESSAGES TO MANY PLACES WITH PRECISE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ROUTE
OF COURSE I'VE BEEN USING OUR ENCRYPTION SYSTEM
NO... WHAT DID YOU DO?
AND YOU KNOW IT... BUT HOW?
BUT YOU KNOW, SINCE MIDWAY, I'VE POINTED OUT OUR ENCRYPTION SYSTEM COULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN



Wake 53
VB-6, bombers squadron

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
CAPTAIN! THE SUBMARINE IS DIVING!!
!!

THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND AND YAMABI ARE STILL ONBOARD OF IT!
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WHY IS IT HIDING ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

CAP-TAIN!!!
START THE ENGINES!
SHIT !!!
AH ...

*EW : Electronic Warfare
WE'VE GOT TO SHUT DOWN ALL THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT!!!
GET THE EW* READY!
ROGER THAT!!!
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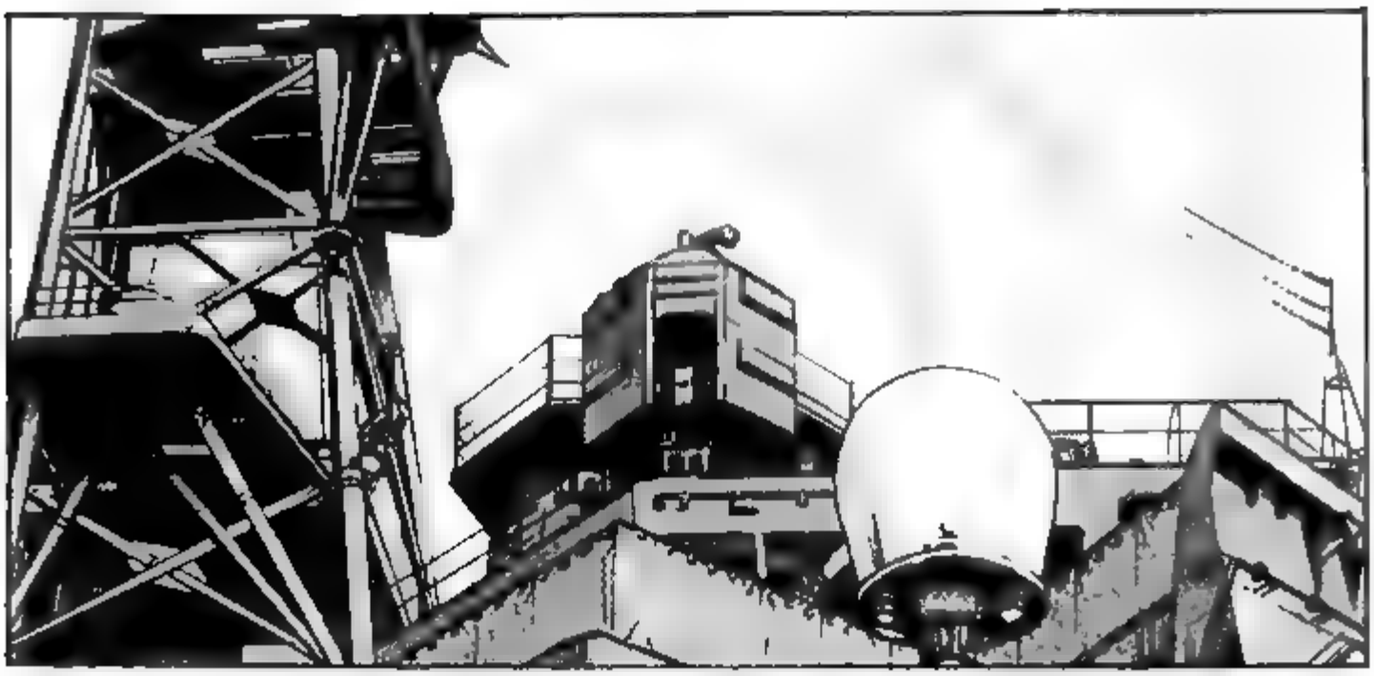
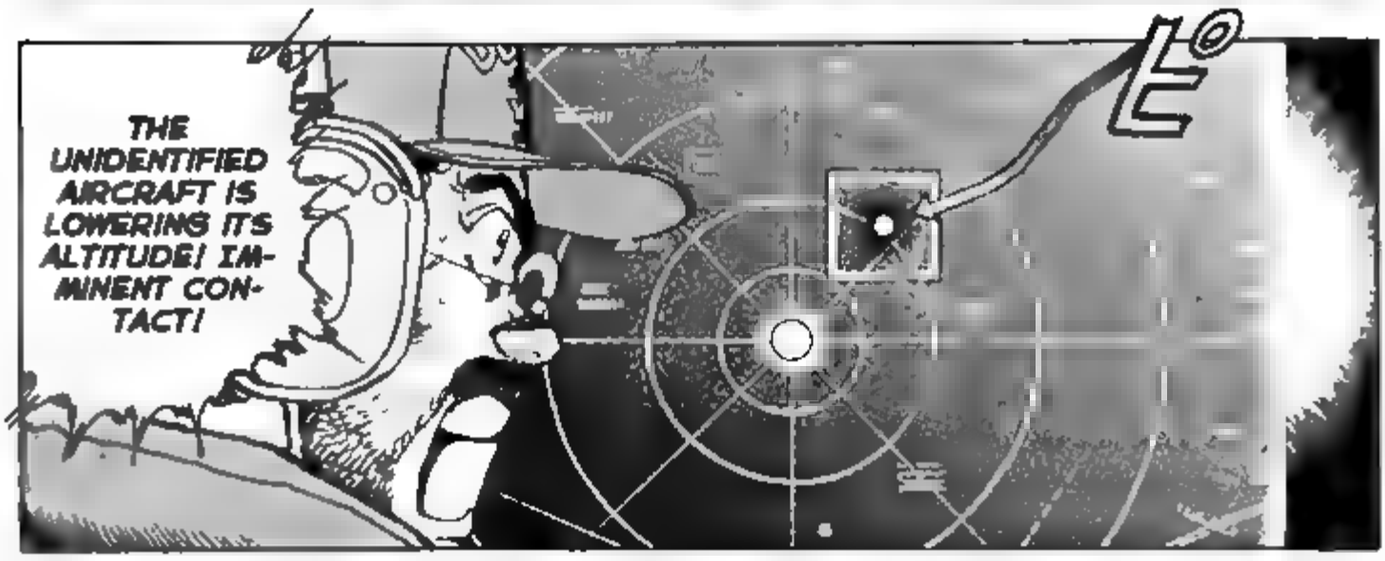
YES, SIR!!
THE JAMMING IS ACTIVATED!
ACTIVATE THE ECM*!!
DDH 192 YOKOSUKA
*ECM : Electronic Counter-Measure




THE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IS LOWERING ITS ALTITUDE! IMMINENT CONTACT!
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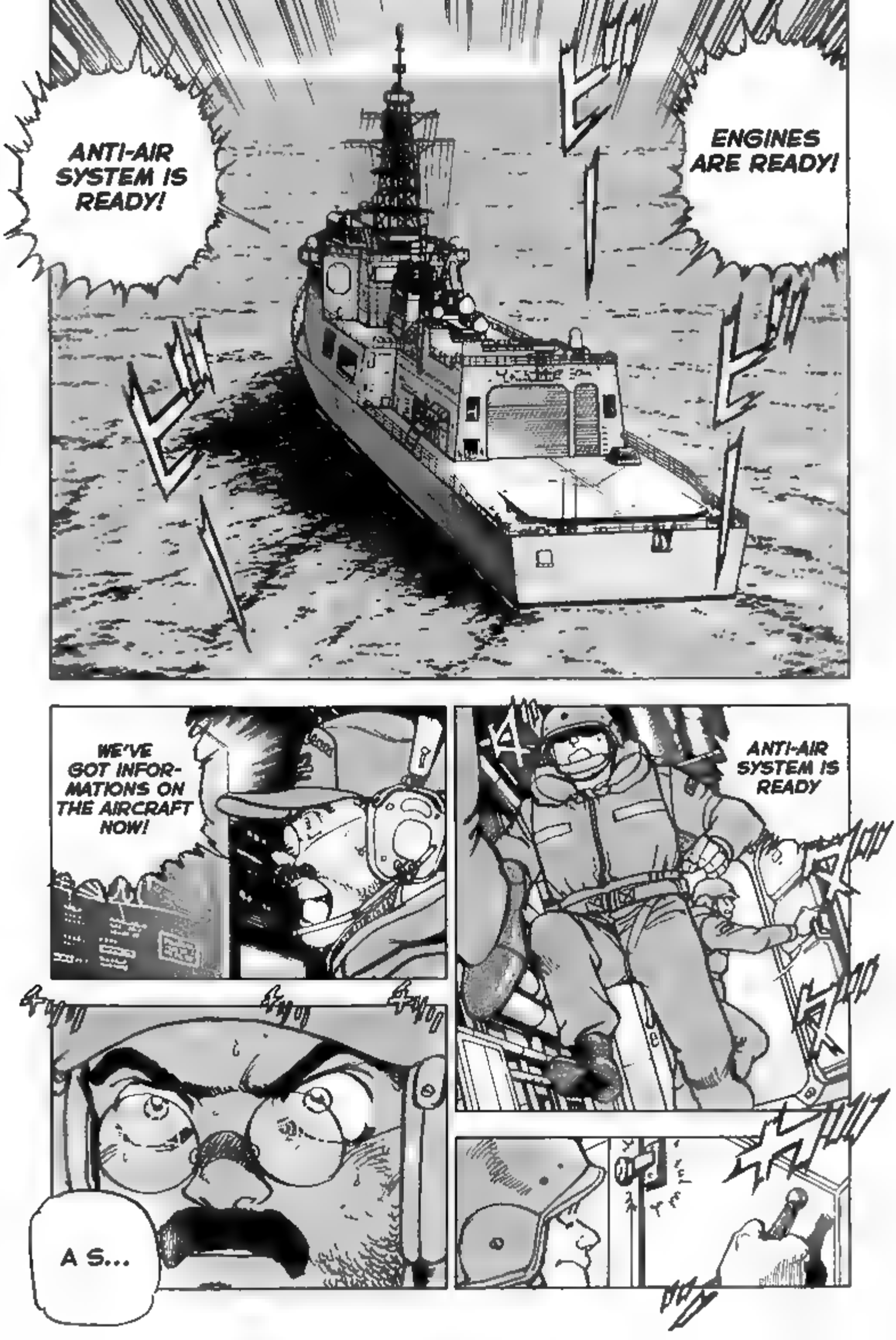
EVEN IF IT FINDS US, IT WON'T BE ABLE TO SEND A REPORT
WE'RE BUYING SOME TIME...

10 SECONDS BEFORE VISUAL CONTACT!


ANTI-AIR SYSTEM IS READY!
ENGINES ARE READY!
WE'VE GOT INFOR-MATIONS ON THE AIRCRAFT NOW!
ANTI-AIR SYSTEM IS READY
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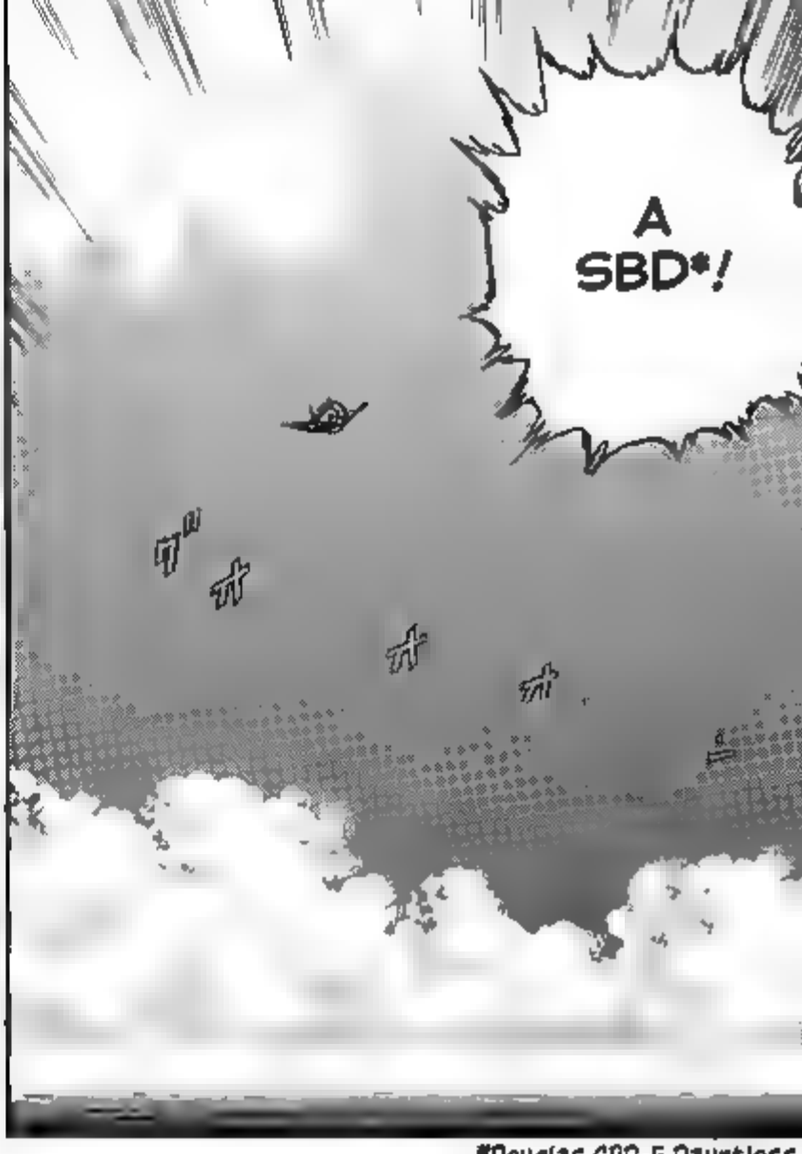
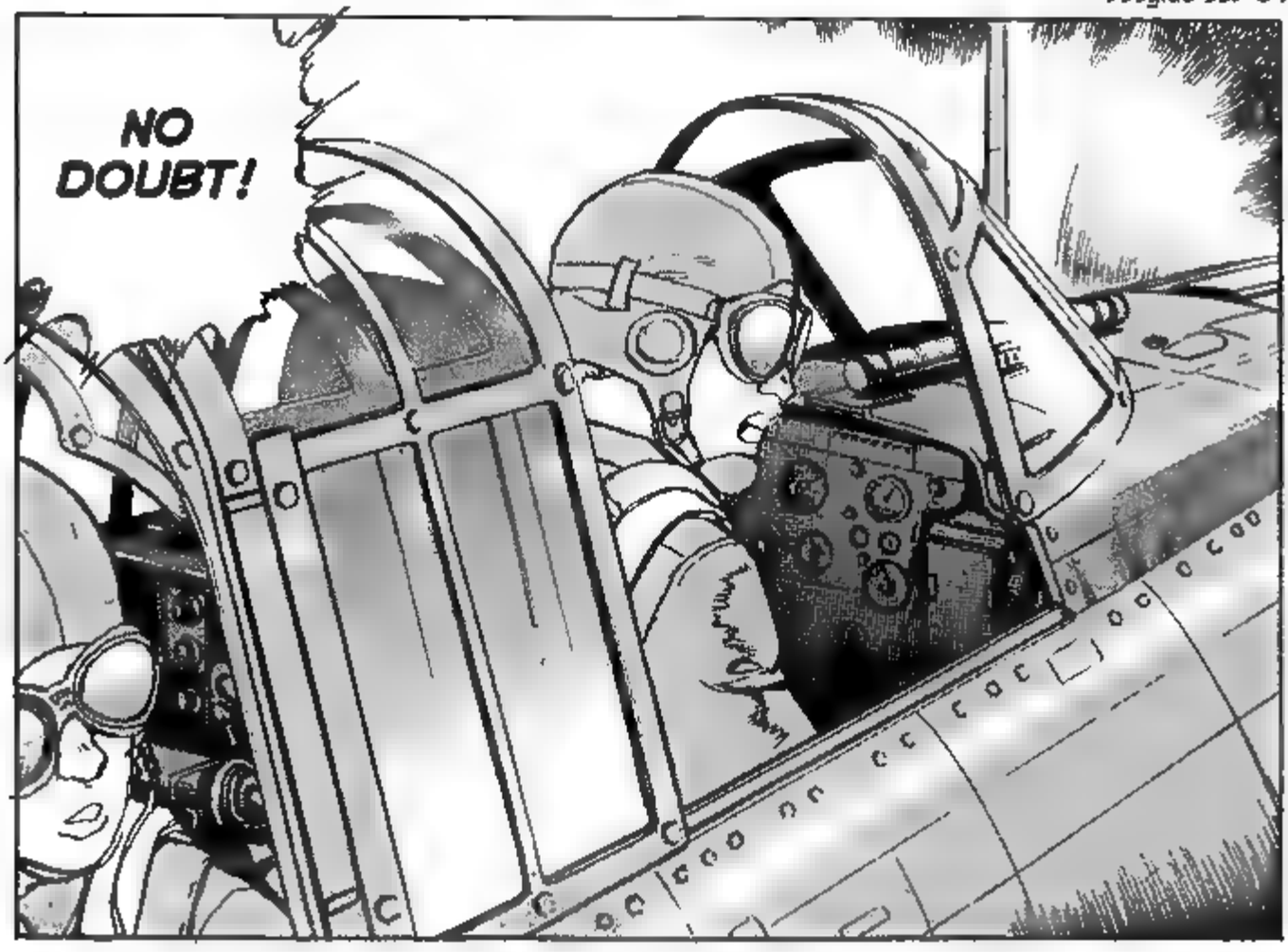
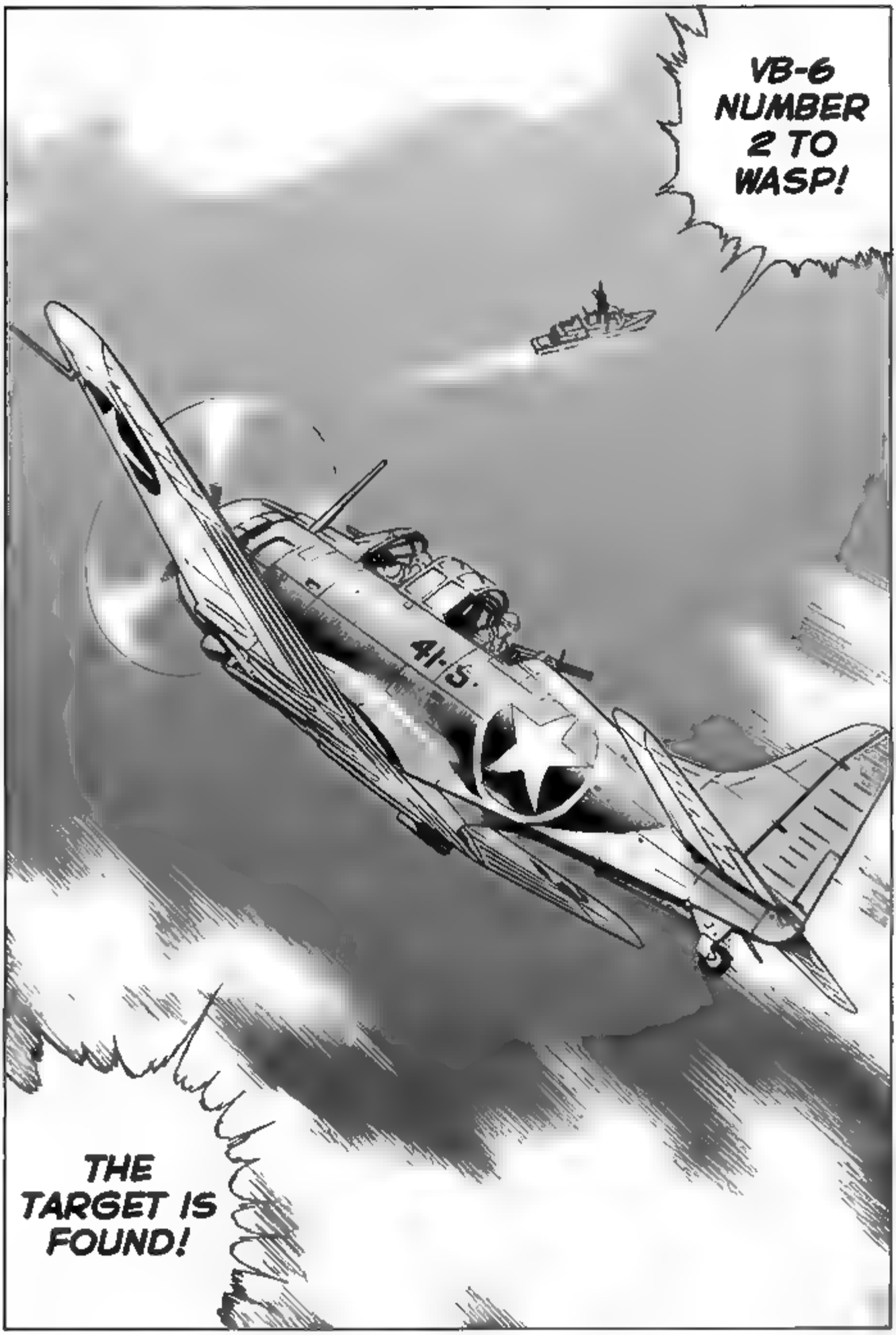


*Douglas SBD-5 Dauntless




VB-6 NUMBER 2 TO WASP!
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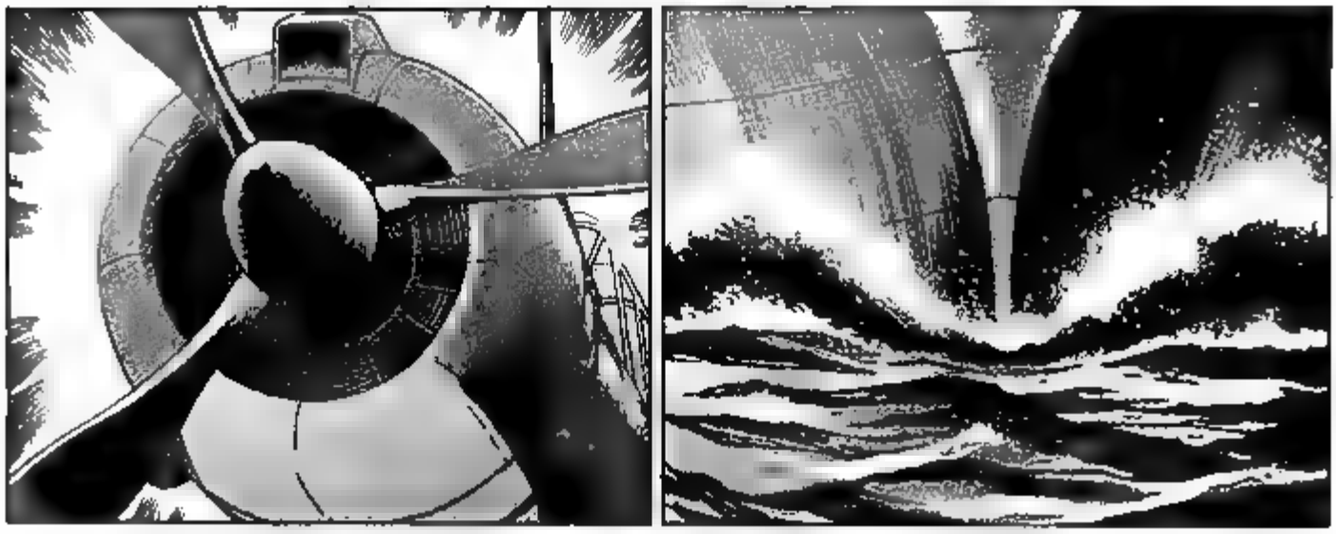
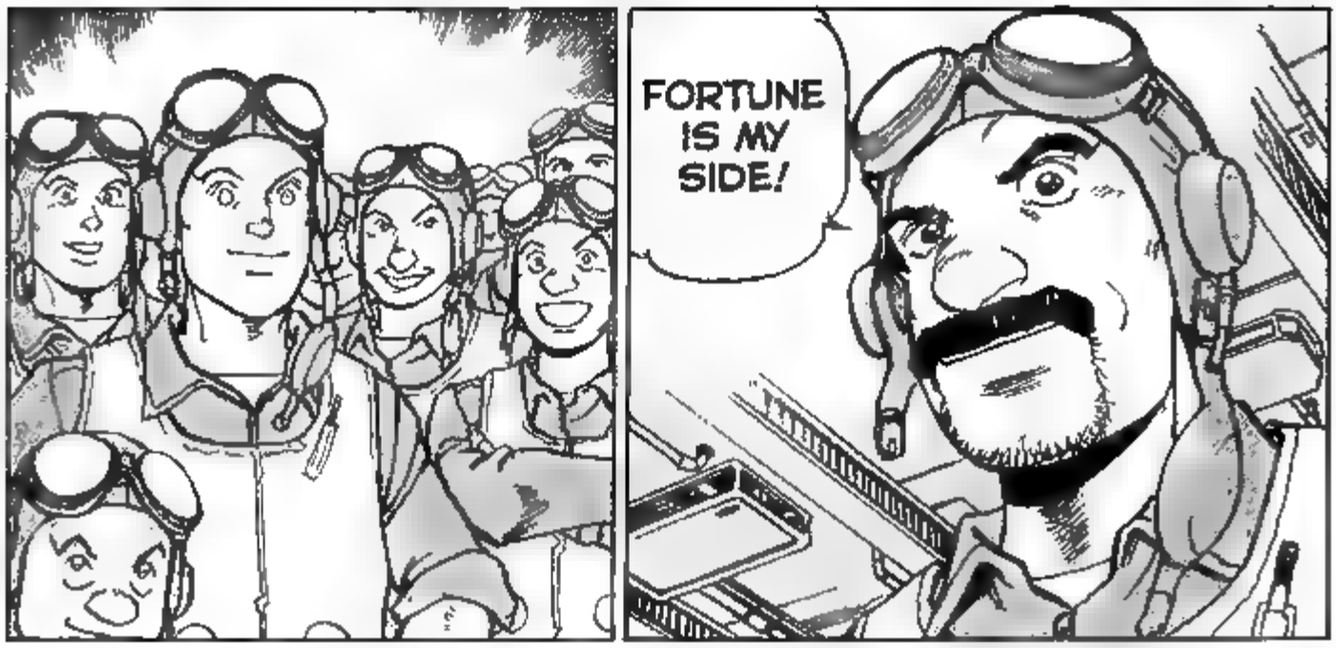
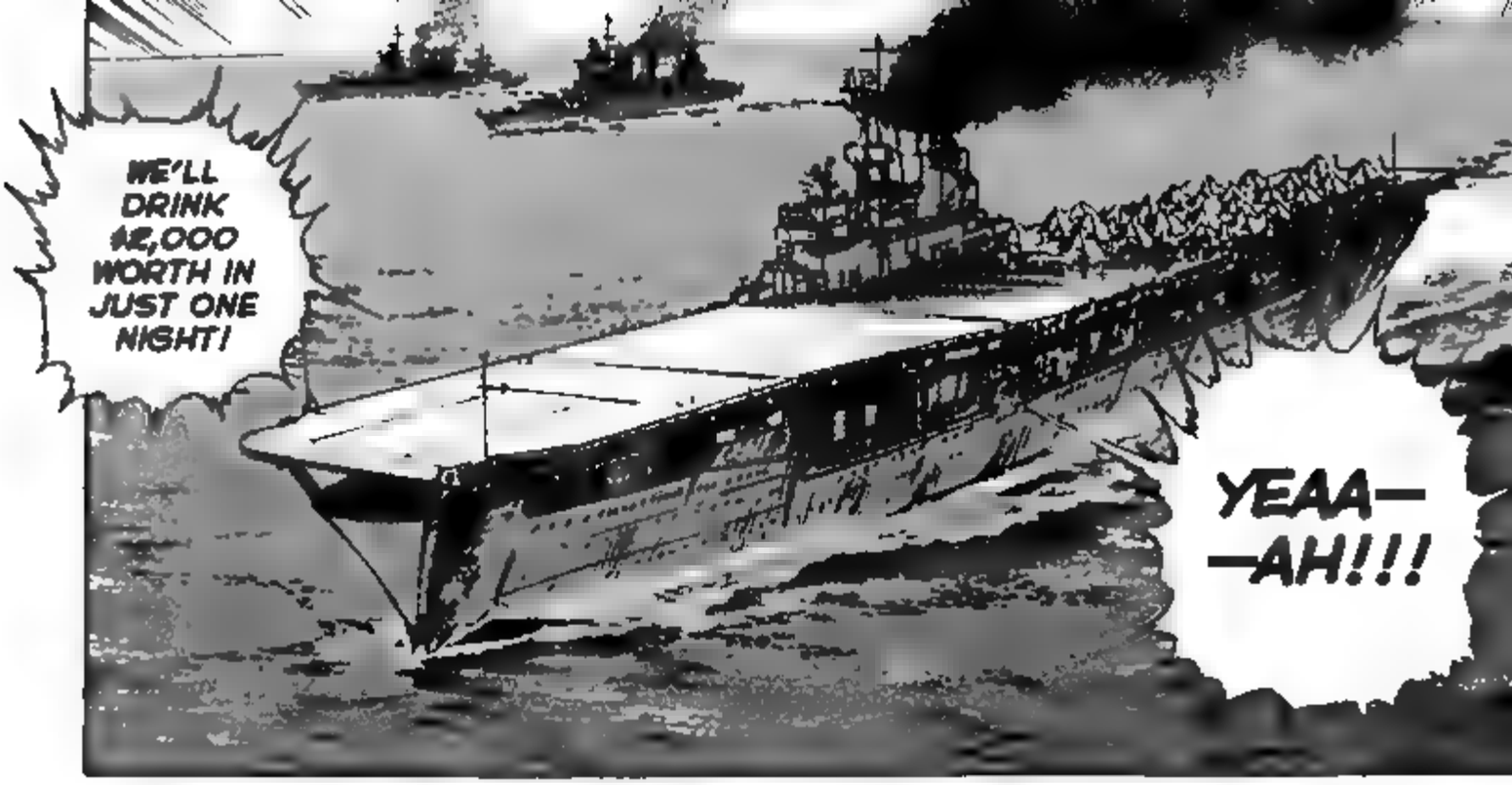
THE TARGET IS FOUND!

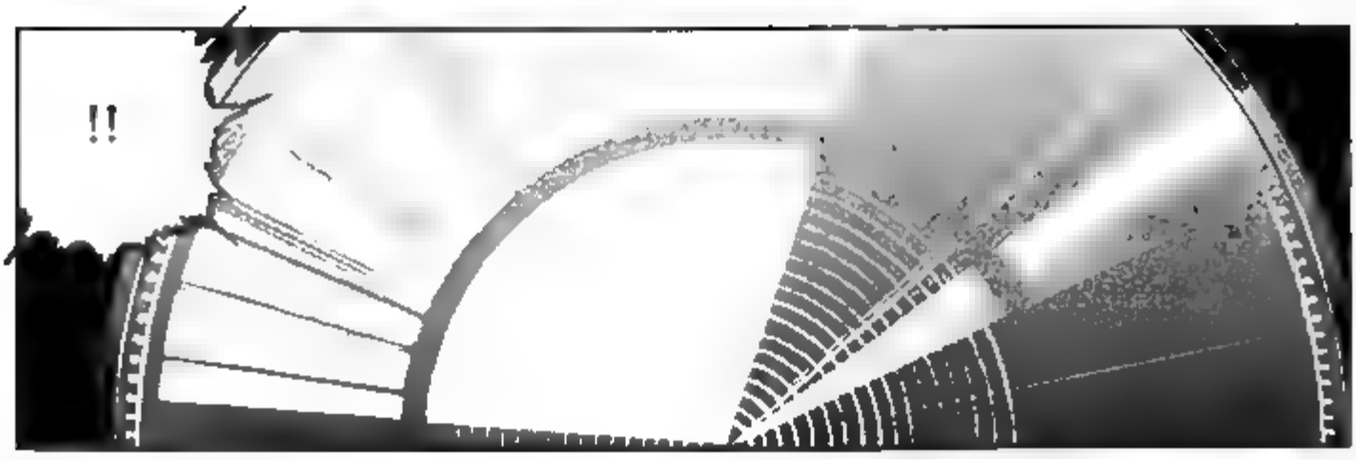


...THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN ME PLAY POKER UNDERSTAND IT ALREADY!
THE OTHER NIGHT IN TOWNS-VILLE ...


FORTUNE IS MY SIDE!

WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER, I'LL BUY DRINKS FOR ALL OF YOU!
LOOK AT THAT! IT'S THE $2,000 CHECK CAPTAIN CHRIS GAVE ME!
... IN MY COCK-PIT
I'LL PIN IT...
HURRAH FOR THE CAPTAIN!!
YEA-AH!!!
... AND COME BACK SAFELY WITH ME! UNDER-STAND?!
SO, THOSE WHO WANT TO HAVE A HELL OF A PARTY, THEY ONLY HAVE TO SINK THIS MONSTER SHIP...


WE'LL DRINK ¥2,000 WORTH IN JUST ONE NIGHT!
YEAA— —AH!!!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THE RADAR IS MALFUNC-TIONNING?

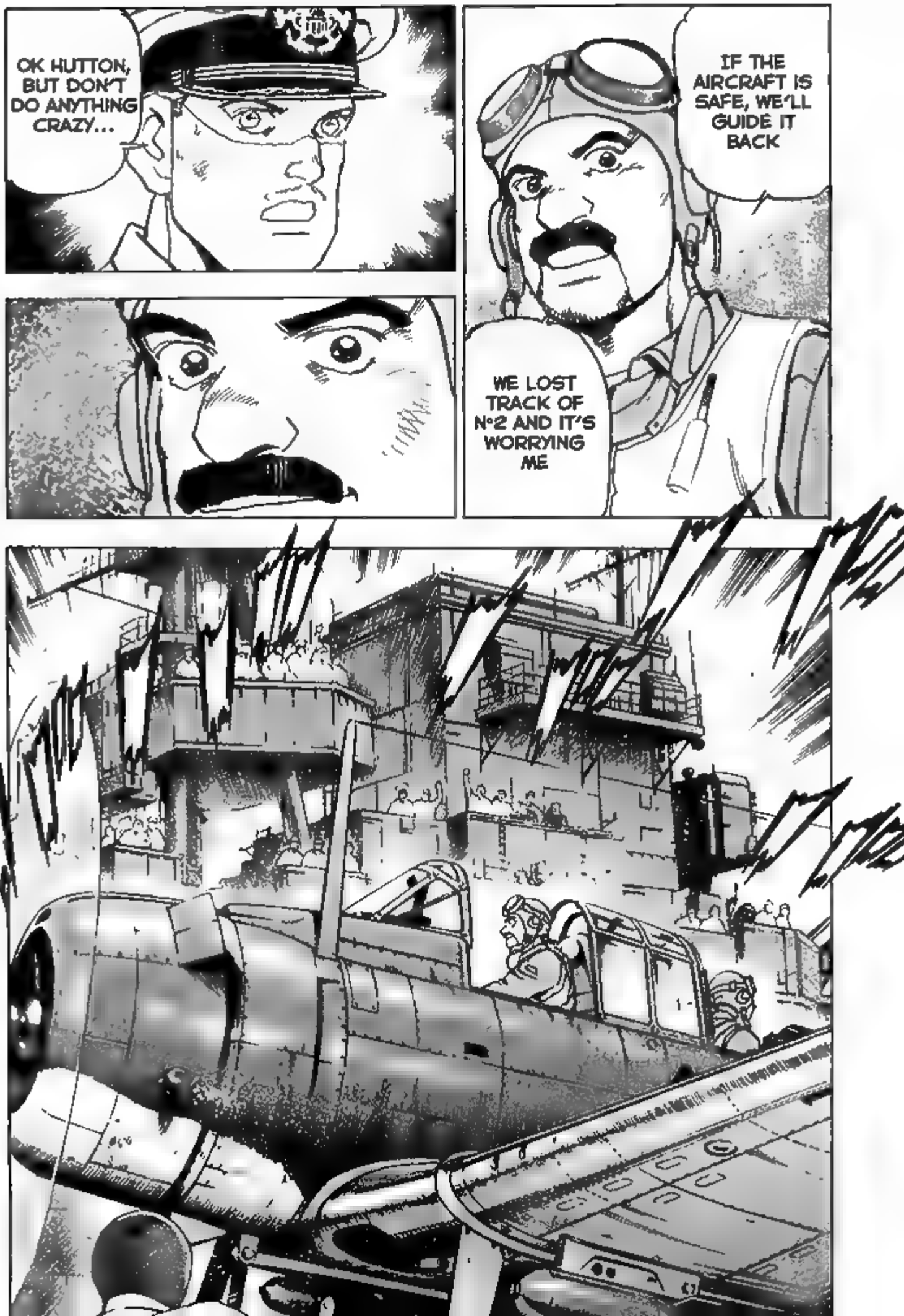
NO, EVERY-THING SEEMS NORMAL

WHAT'S HAPPE-NING TO THE MONI-TOR?!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND, THE SIGNAL IS OFF FROM THE AREA WHERE THE VB-6 N°2 IS.

NO !!!
IT SHOULD HAVE CONTACTED US FOR ITS PERIODIC REPORT, BUT NOTHING!
ANY CONTACTS WITH THE AIRCRAFT ?!
STAY PUT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
WHAT ?!
COMMAND POST OF CAPTAIN GREY TO 6TH SQUADRON, STAY PUT!

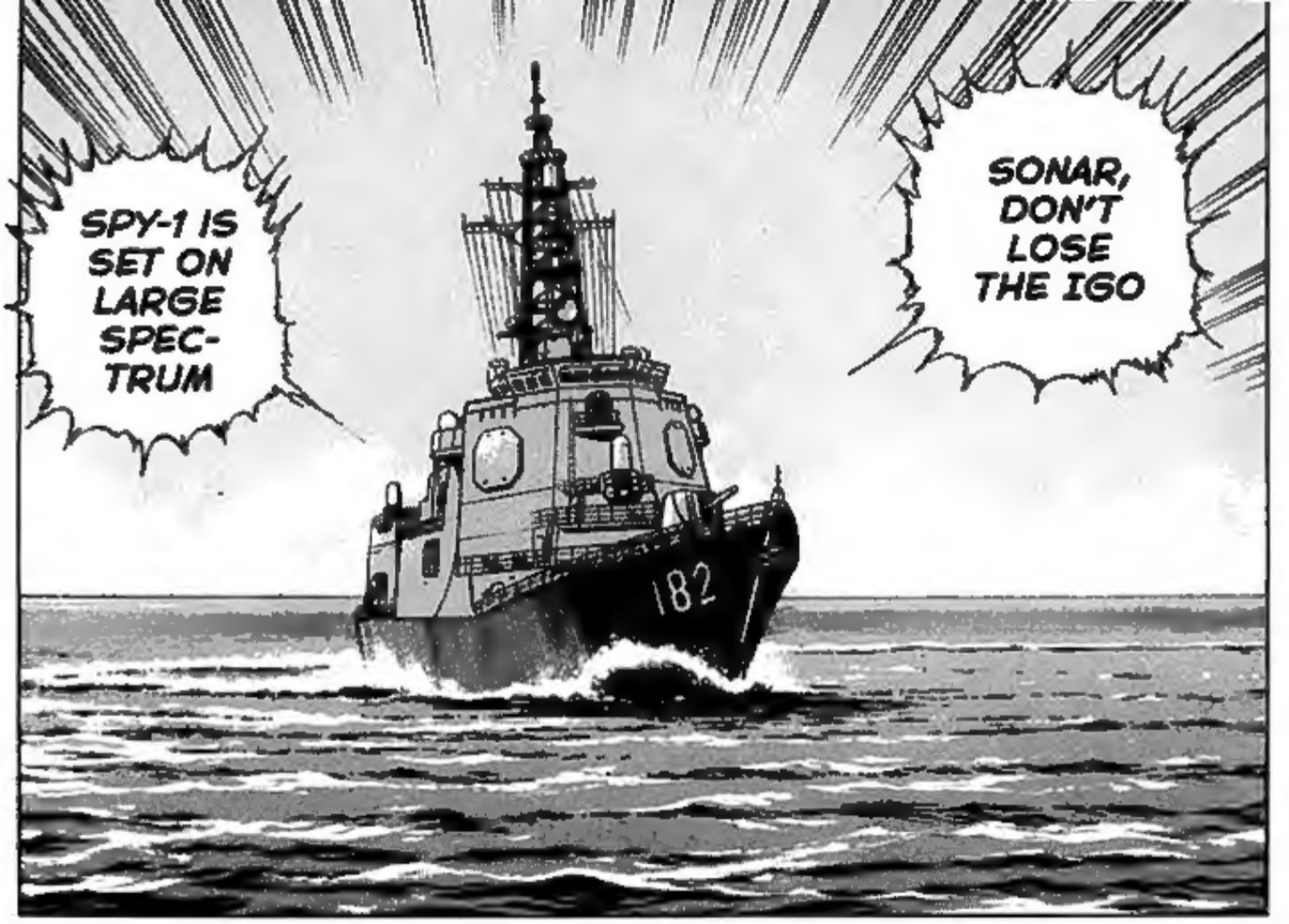
WE'RE STILL MISSING THE PERIODIC REPORT OF THE N°2 AIRCRAFT
CAPTAIN, THE TARGET IS STILL NOWHERE TO BE FOUND?!
AH... IT CRASHED DOWN?!
IT'S LIKE SOME KIND OF STATICS ...
WE DON'T KNOW... WE LOST ITS SIGNAL AND THE RADAR ISN'T WORKING...
WE'RE LOOKING FOR EXPLANATIONS, I CAN'T SEND A SQUADRON IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION

... SOMETHING I'D NEVER SEEN...
... WASN'T BOMBS NOR TORPEDOES ...
WHAT IT SHOT AT US...
MAYBE BUT I TOLD YOU, I CAN'T SEND A SQUADRON WITHOUT FURTHER INFORMATION.
CAPTAIN, WE KNOW THIS SHIP IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA, RIGHT?
THE RECON IS ALSO PART OF OUR MISSION...


OK HUTTON, BUT DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY...
IF THE AIRCRAFT IS SAFE, WE'LL GUIDE IT BACK
WE LOST TRACK OF N°2 AND IT'S WORRYING ME

Two Thousand
DAVY, YOU READY?
YES!!

WE'RE READY FOR TAKE OFF!!
CLOSE THE COCK-PIT!
TAKE OFF!!


SPY-1 IS SET ON LARGE SPEC-TRUM
SONAR, DON'T LOSE THE IGO
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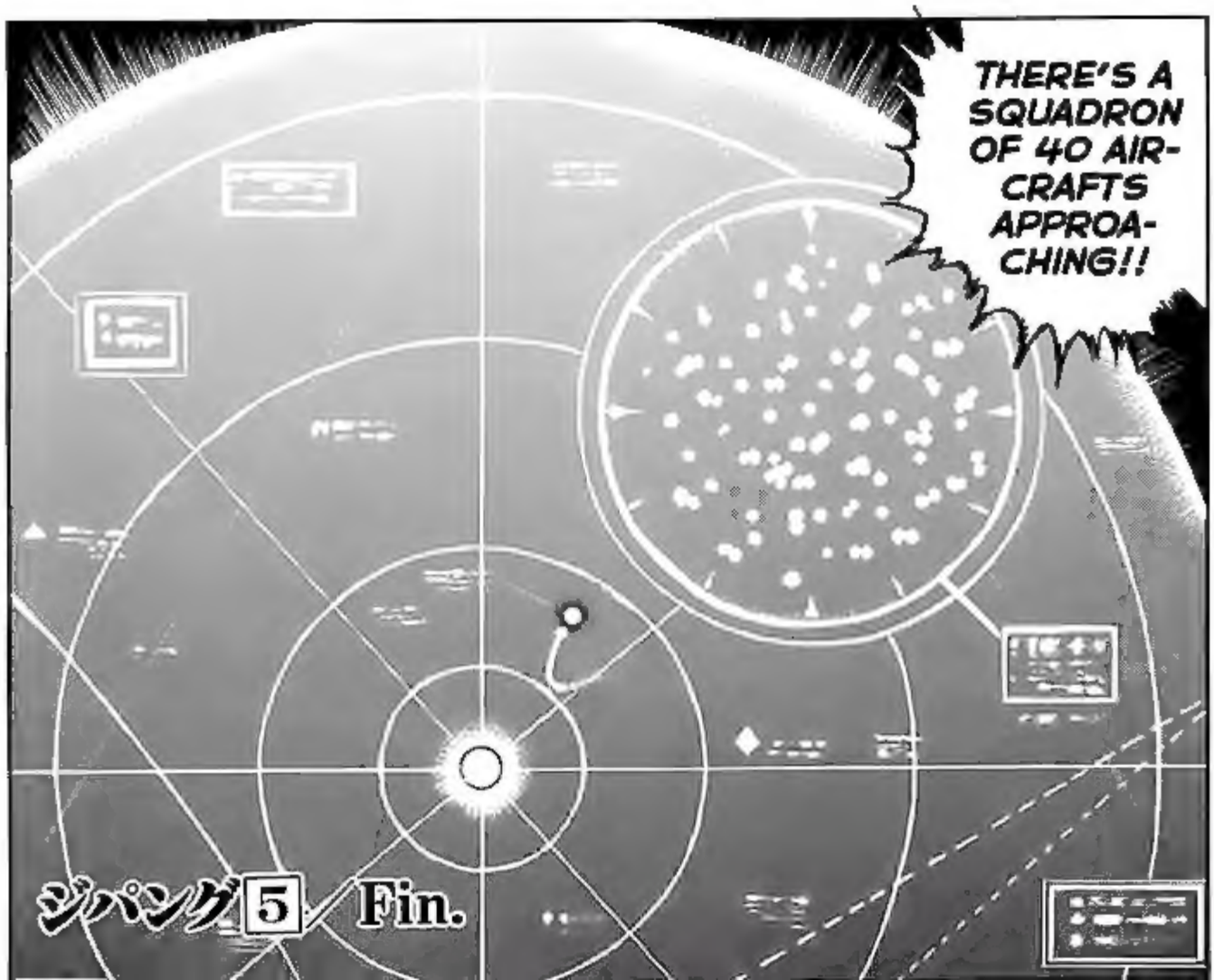
IF IT GOES BACK TO THE CARRIER, IT'LL REPORT OUR POSITION

CAPTAIN, IF WE BLOCK THE COMMUNICA-TIONS, WE'RE TAKING TOO MANY RISKS
IT'S A DAUNT-LESS, THAT MEANS THERE IS A AMERICAN CARRIER NEARBY!

... THEN A CONFRON-TATION WITH THE US NAVY IS TO BE EXPECTED

IF WE LET THIS AIRCRAFT GO...

DAUNT-LESS LOCKED!
GET THE STANDARD SM-2ER SEA-AIR MISSILES READY!
DDH 101 YOKOSUKA
WHAT ??
COM-MANDER OGURI, THAT WON'T BE NECES-SARY...


THERE'S A SQUADRON OF 40 AIR-CRAFTS APPROA-CHING!!

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